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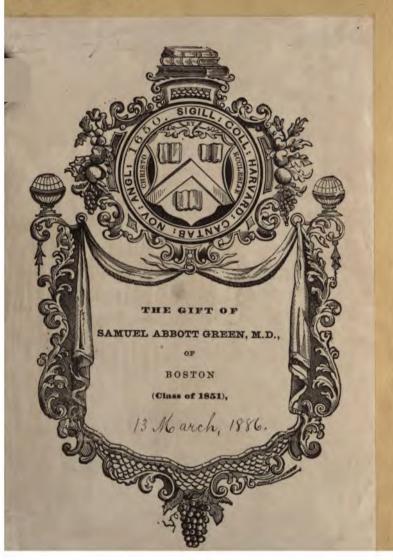
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## PREFACE.

This little volume makes no claim to originality, except that the arrangement of its parts may be considered as in some respects new. Several of the prayers indeed, are of my own composition, and many of the others have been altered and reconstructed from materials before ex-But my task has been principally that of selection from such books as King Edward's Primer, and the devotional works of Bishop Andrews, Bishop Cosin and Bishop Jeremy Taylor. I have been aided also by the excellent compilation of Family Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Hook, the admirable Vicar of Leeds, by the order of Family Prayer arranged in the form of collects by the Rev. William Edward Evans, Prebendary of Hereford, and more especially by two excellent works of laymen of the Church of England, viz. "Short Family Prayers" by William Soltau, Esq. and "Liturgia Domestica" by Arthur H. Dyke Acland.

My object has been to bring together from various sources, what I have often desired to find, and what I therefore supposed might meet the wants of others, a collection of Family Prayers, which, in its arrangement and its language, should be in harmony with the Liturgy of the Church. In doing this I have not thought it important, or even desirable, to reduce the language of the an-

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cient devotional writers down to that of our own liturgy, and always to say "those who" instead of "them that," &c. Preferring, as I do most decidedly, the English of our Bible for devotional purposes to a more modern idiom; and regretting that any change was made in this, as in some other respects, in our Book of Common Prayer from that of our venerable Mother the Church of England, I have not been unwilling to retain a savour of the old, and to me more beautiful and solemn forms of expression.

The objection may be started, What need of another Book of Family Prayers when there are already so many excellent ones from clergymen both of our own church and of the Church of England; and particularly one possessing some of the characteristics of that now published. viz., the Rev. Dr. Berrian's Family Pravers. ual I have used for a long time and with much satisfaction; and feel, in common with many others, much indebted to him for the good service he has done the Church in this as in his more recent devotional works, which are truly admirable in design and execution, and which should be in the hands of every devout churchman: "Devotions for the Sick and the Afflicted," and," Enter into thy Clos-Although I have long contemplated framing a book similar to that now published, I should not probably have undertaken it at the present time, but for a request made to me to republish the book I have mentioned above, by the Rev. W. E. Evans. My attention being thus turned to the subject. I preferred making this attempt to the mere mechanical exercise of superintending a republication. As my apology for thus adding to the number of works of this kind, already so large, if apology be needed, I will adopt that of Mr. Evans in his Introduction: "There might appear to be some little presumption in attempting

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to meet a want which so many have failed to supply; but the writer entertains no such sanguine expectations. When we consider the vast, the never ending variety of circumstances in which families are placed, the different tones of feeling belonging to each, it will be no matter for surprise that no form of prayer has yet been found adapted to the wants of all: nor can any one hope to supply one."

If then no *Universal* Book of Family Prayers has been, or probably can be constructed, so much greater reason is there to give to the religious community every opportunity for selection; and thus possibly all tastes may be suited, and all wants supplied.

It must be observed that this little volume is not intended to be a substitute for the Book of Common Praver in Family Worship, but an humble companion to it, and its presence in the hands of each member of the family, for actual use in the responsive services of the Psalter and in the metre Psalms and Hymns, is constantly implied. In some families, and in all families at certain times, it may not be convenient to go through the order of devotional exercises exactly as here prescribed; and therefore certain parts, as the Psalter, or one of the lessons, or the singing, or all, may be omitted at the option of those who conduct the worship; and a selection from the collects may be made in such a manner as to conform to the particular arrangements of each family where the Book may be introduced. But should the whole order. as laid down, be followed out, it is believed that the time occupied could rarely interfere with any just claims of worldly occupation. Little danger is there that these claims will suffer detriment in the present state of society; while there is abundant reason to fear lest this restless

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and intelligent generation, with all its improvements and privileges, should be losing the healthful and holy influences arising from the more frequent and fervent prayers of a devouter age.

"The hours of Prayer, in welcome round, Far-severed hearts together bound: Seven times a day, on bended knee, They to their Saviour cried; and we—One hour we find, in seven long days, Before our God to sit and gaze."

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# PRAYERS.

# Sunday Morning.

The Family having met together, let the Master of the House begin the Morning Prayer by reading the following Sentences from Scripture.

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Hallow my Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

This is the Day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. We will come before his presence with thanksgiving, and enter into his courts with praise. We will lift up our hands in the sanctuary and will bless the Lord.

We will praise the Lord with our whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Almighty and merciful God, look down, we beseech thee, upon us thy unworthy servants,

and forgive all the sins we have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. Remember not in judgment against us our disregard of the means of grace set before us by thee; but enable us henceforth to obey thy voice, that we may be indeed thy people, and walk humbly and obediently in all thy ways, so that it may be well with us for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I If a Bishop or a Priest be present let him then make the declaration of Absolution; otherwise, the Master of the House leading, let all say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>¶</sup> Then may be read the Lessons of the Day according to the Calendar in the Book of Common Prayer, or else some other portion of Holy Scripture.

If After which a portion of the Psalter may be chanted, or read responsively, or else a selection from the Psalms in metre or a Hymn may be sung.

# Let us pray.

Then, all kneeling, let the Collect for the Day be said.
 After that as many of the Collects following as may be convenient.

## I.

O Almighty God, Maker and Governor of all things, after whose blessed ordinance one day in seven hath been sanctified and set apart for thy service; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to spend this day to the honour of thy Holy Name, and the good of our own souls. Enable us to raise our thoughts from the cares and toils of this world, to the hopes and promises of the better life to come. Hear us, we pray thee, now in an acceptable time, and as thou hast consecrated this good day for thy service, give us grace so to observe it that it shall be to us the beginning of a happy week, and thus carry us forward in the ways and works of godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# II.

O Heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy Holy Word not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and dost graciously invite us to enter into thy gates with thanksgiving and into thy courts with praise; Grant unto us thy servants this day a devout and heavenly frame

of mind, so that when we come to appear before thee, in thy Holy Temple, we may give thee the glory which is due unto thy Name, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Assist us by thy Holy Spirit in the performance of every religious duty, that our confession of sin may be sincere, our prayers and praises an offering well-pleasing unto thee, and that we may hear thy Holy Word read and preached with attentive and willing minds, and thus be prepared to live in thy faith and fear, and to die in thy favour; through the merits of thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## III.

O Holy Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself an Universal Church, and hast promised to be with the Ministers of Apostolic Succession to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise in the House which is called by thy Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

## IV.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful, visit, we pray thee, our congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

I Here, if need be, let any of the Prayers for Special Occasions be introduced.

## V.

O Almighty God, we beseech Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy Name, may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Look in mercy upon all such as have hitherto forsaken or despised thy ordinances; and move them so to redeem the time which they have lost that they may be numbered among thy true people.

Remember for good as many as, through sick-

ness, or any other hindrance, may be prevented from going up with thy people to the House of Prayer.

We beseech Thee also to have compassion upon those who as yet belong not to thy visible Church. Give the Word, that great may be the company of the preachers, who shall go forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so we may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

# 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore. Amen.

# Sunday Evening.

1 The Family having met together, let the Master of the House begin the Evening Prayer by reading the following Sentences from Scripture.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord.

The blessing of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon such as put their trust in his mercy.

Obey the voice of the Lord, and he will be your God, and ye shall be his people, and walk in all the ways that he hath commanded you, that it may be well with you.

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

May the Lord direct all our hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ our Saviour.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most Holy and Righteous Lord our God, who, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, dost put away the sins of all them that truly repent; Forgive, we beseech thee, whatever thou hast seen amiss in us and our services this day. We confess that we have not wor-

shipped thee, served thee, or obeyed thee, as we ought to do. Pardon, good Lord, the wanderings of our minds, the coldness of our hearts, and the unprofitableness of our best services, and deal not with us according to the imperfection of our prayers and deserts, but according to our great need, and thy abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- ¶ Here let there be silence kept for a brief space, that all may secretly confess their sins to Almighty God.
- If a Bishop or Priest be present let him then make the declaration of Absolution; otherwise, the Master of the House leading, let all say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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After which a portion of the Psalter may be chanted, or read responsively, or else a selection from the Psalms in metre or a Hymn may be sung.

# Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the Collect for the Day.

I.

O Lord God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, but yet hast been pleased to manifest thy presence in places set apart for thy worship; Accept our hearty thanks for the privilege of thy Day and House, and grant that we may none of us have joined the services of thy Church in vain. Whatever holy thoughts and good resolutions thou hast this day put into any of our hearts, we pray thee bring the same to good effect, and perfect the work thou hast begun. And grant to all the members of this household that whatever good instructions they have heard, they may carefully remember, and diligently follow; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 11.

Teach us, O Heavenly Father, by thy Holy Spirit, the true understanding of thy blessed Word, and give us grace to lead our lives agree-

ably to our knowledge. Suffer us not to be of the number of those who profess that they know God with their mouths, but deny him with their deeds; but make us rather like unto that good and fruitful land which yieldeth again her seed with great increase, that men seeing our Christian lives, may glorify thee, our Heavenly Father; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## III.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, who knowest all our wants and all our weakness, deal not with us according to our deserts, but accordthy tender mercies. Let not blessing be ever far from us, but sanctify us wholly, that our minds may always be set to do good, and our hearts and lips be given to prayer and praise. And when the days of our vanity and rejoicing are past, and we go hence like the shadow that departeth, may we be received among the blessed servants of our Lord, and stand at thy right hand in the great and terrible day, having our portion with the just; through the righteousness and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  $\pmb{A}$ men.

1 Here, if need be, let any of the Prayers for Special Occasions
be introduced.

## IV.

Almighty God, the Creator and Governor of all things, grant that all mankind may be brought to the knowledge and belief of thy true religion, and that all who profess the Christian faith may obey thy will in all things, with sincerity and constancy, as do the spirits of the blessed in Remember for good all those that are over us in the Lord, who watch for our souls as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy. Bless all our relations, benefactors and friends; those who are good preserve in goodness, and those who are wicked do thou And hear us, good Lord, when we convert. commend unto thy tender compassion all that are in error and sincerely seek the truth; all such as are destitute of necessary means of instruction; all that are engaged in sinful courses, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds; all that labour under trials and afflictions; all sick and dying persons, that they may omit nothing which is necessary to make their peace with thee before they die; and also

such as never pray for themselves, that they may see, before it is too late, the danger of living without God in the world: these and all other blessings, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

# 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this night, and evermore. Amen.

# Monday Morning.

The rubrics, or directions, as given for Sunday Morning and Evening Prayer, are applicable here, and in their relative places throughout the remaining services for the week.

#### The Sentences.

Wait on the Lord patiently, and he will incline unto you and hear your prayer.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall

strengthen thine heart.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; who keepeth his promise for ever, who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong, who feedeth the hungry.

He will bring you out of great trouble, and set your

feet upon a rock, and order your goings.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; Give us unfeigned repentance for all our past errors, and steadfast faith in thy blessed Son, that our sins may be done away by thy mercy, and our pardon sealed in Heaven; through the merits and mediation of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# MONDAY MORNING.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven-

The Lesson or Lessons.The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

I The Collect for the Day.

I.

O God of all peace and comfort, who by the needful rest of the past night hast refreshed our bodies and minds for the service of another day, We most heartily thank thee for the same. And now, on the entrance of this day and week of labour, we desire to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Strengthen us, we beseech thee, with the might of thy Holy Spirit in the inner man, that we may perform this our morning vow; and that as day shall be added to day we may become more devoted to thy service and more obedient to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O Lord God Almighty, through whose most gracious favour we have been baptized into the

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death of thy dear Son, that like as he died and rose again for us, so we also should walk in newness of life; Give us grace to live in continual remembrance of our baptismal vow, and to walk by the rule of our promises; that so neither the lusts of the flesh, nor the vanity of the world, nor the wiles of Satan working through both, may overcome and lead us captive. Clothe us, O Lord, with the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that having undertaken for ourselves a spiritual warfare under the Captain of our salvation, and being signed with the sign of his Cross, we may manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the Devil. Grant this, most merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

# III.

O most loving Father, forasmuch as it is thy good pleasure that our bodies and souls shall still remain here together; We beseech thee to preserve through the coming week our bodies from all sickness, if it be good for us, and our souls from all vice; that we, enjoying through thy benefit the health both of our souls and bodies, may be the more able to serve thee in

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such works as are most acceptable in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ Prayers for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

# IV.

O God, who hast commanded that no man shall be idle, but that we shall all work with our hands the thing that is good; Graciously look upon thy servants now going forth to do our duty in that station of life unto which thou hast been pleased to call us. May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil; to be serious and holy in our lives; true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions: diligent in our business; and temperate in all things. Give us grace, that we may honestly improve all the talents thou hast committed to our trust; and that no worldly business, or worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

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#### The Sentences.

Thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.

Seek him that turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth the waters from the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; the Lord is his Name. Seek good and not evil, that ye may live, and so the Lord God of hosts shall be with you.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, and forsake the Lord, ye shall be consumed.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Lord God Almighty, Searcher of the hearts of men; We confess before thee the sins, negligences, and ignorances of the past day, and beseech thee mercifully to forgive them. Bring us back into the ways and thoughts of godliness. Drive out every vain imagination which the world hath left, and cleanse the sanctuary of our hearts, that thy Spirit may enter in and dwell there. And so draw us, blessed Lord, continually towards thee, that each succeeding day may help us onward to that perfec-

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tion which thou requirest; through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven—

The Lesson or Lessons.
The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day.

T.

O Lord God, in whose hands are all things in heaven and earth, who bringest down the mighty from their seat, and exaltest the humble and meek, who makest rich, and makest poor; Remove far from us vanity and lies; give us neither poverty nor riches; feed us with food convenient for us, lest we be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest we be poor and steal, and take the Name of our God in vain. Let no riches ever make us forget ourselves; let no poverty ever make us forget thee; but let thy Holy Spirit in all things direct and rule our hearts and minds, and ren-

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der effectual the salutary precepts of thy Holy Word; that we may be filled with heavenly wisdom, and richly abound in the fruits of Christian knowledge and goodness. And do thou, O Lord, grant in thy mercy to all those who are far from thee, and are yet in the darkness of ignorance and error, that they may be led by thy grace into the way of salvation, and to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Amen.

# II.

O blessed Lord Jesus, who didst in the body visit the house of Lazarus and Mary, and adorn it with thy presence; So visit in Spirit, we beseech thee, this thine household, and come among us, and bless us. Dwell in all our hearts by faith, that the same mind being in us that was in thee, we may ever live together in all gentleness and forbearance one towards another, always thoughtful for each other's good, and mindful of the duties we owe one to another. Thus grant, gracious Lord, that we, living together under the same roof here on earth, may hereafter meet to dwell with thee in the same house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; where thou livest and reignest, with the

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Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

T Prayers for Special Occasions.

# III.

Almighty God, whose keeping, as of a faithful Creator and merciful Saviour, hath brought us safe to the end of this day; We humbly and heartily thank thee for the mercies of the same. May it please thee to continue to us thy gracious protection through the night. Grant us the blessing of wholesome and innocent repose; defend us from all danger, and bring us again to see the light of another day refreshed in body and mind, and renewed in heart by thy Holy Spirit; that so we may to-morrow, and each succeeding day of our lives, serve and please thee in the growth of grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this night and evermore. Amen.

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#### The Sentences.

Praised be the Lord daily, the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us. He is our God, even the God of whom cometh our salvation. God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. His mercy endureth for ever: there is no end of his loving-kindness and truth. O give thanks unto the Lord always, and be talking of his praise and wondrous works. Let your songs be of him, and praise him, and think on his commandments to do them.

# Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Almighty God, who workest in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure; Give us, we beseech thee, unfeigned repentance for all our past transgressions; and vouchsafe unto us such a measure of thy grace as may enable us to subdue every sinful inclination, to fulfil thy commandments, and to walk worthy of our high calling in Christ Jesus; that so we may finally obtain the blessed promises which thou hast

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given us in the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

The Lesson or Lessons.
The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

I The Collect for the Day.

I.

O Almighty God, giver of life and light, who hast brought us, in thy mercy, again to behold the light of this world; We render thee our humble and hearty thanks for the same. Make all our paths this day to be light, that we may be in no darkness at all; and teach us to work while it is called to-day, before the night cometh wherein no man can work. Continue to us thy precious gifts and blessings, in soul, mind, and body, with grace to use them ever in thy service, to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# II.

O God, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired should be sought for by labour, and who by thy blessing bringest honest labour to good effect; Look with mercy upon all our humble exertions in the discharge of our daily duties. Grant us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, to design only what is lawful and right; enable us to shun sloth and negligence, that each day we may discharge part of the task allotted to us; and so further us with thy help, that in all our undertakings we may meet with such success as will promote thy glory, and the salvation of our souls; for the sake of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

# III.

O heavenly Father, we pray thee to look graciously upon this thy family, and every member of the same. Bless us in our bodies and in our souls; bless us in the basket and in the store, in our going out and our coming in, and all that we put our hands unto. But, above all, bless us with the choicest spiritual blessings, with a pure heart and a sound mind;

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with a contempt for the world and a sure trust in thee; with a grateful sense of thy kindness and a soul full of love; with a knowledge of thy will and a care to perform it; with the assistance of thy Spirit, and life everlasting; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## ¶ Prayers for Special Occasions.

# IV.

Grant unto us, O Lord, thy heavenly grace, and suffer us not to be led away by the delusions of the Devil, or by our own perverse and foolish will, but make us always ready and glad to follow wise instructions, that we may serve thee with a quiet mind, and glorify thy goodness with a thankful and cheerful heart all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day, and evermore. *Amen*.

# Tuesday Evening.

#### The Sentences.

Let us give thanks always to the Lord our God, and forget not all his benefits.

While we live, let us praise the Lord; yea, as long as we have any being, let us sing praises unto our God.

It is of the Lord's goodness that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Whose feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he shall find favour at the day of his death.

# Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Lord, our strength and confidence, our shield, and the defence of all that hope in thee; Pardon our misdeeds, and reward us not according to our numerous transgressions, but according to the multitude of thy mercies. We have trusted in thee, and thou hast helped us: continue to us thy loving-kindness; destroy us not with the ungodly and wicked doers, but magnify thy mercies in the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven,—

¶ The Lesson or Lessons. ¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day.

I.

Almighty and merciful God, to whom the night is as clear as the day; We humbly commend unto thy fatherly care ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all our kindred and Defend us from all dangers, and infriends. spire us with a sure trust in thy mercy. praise thee for the many blessings which we have this day received from thy bounty, and earnestly pray for the continuance of thy lovingkindness towards us this night, and for the remainder of our lives; that we may be brought by thy fatherly goodness safely through all trials and changes to thy everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who dwellest above, out of our sight, though we see

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thee not, we would love thee; and though we have not seen, we would be blessed in that we have believed. Grant that our love toward thee may be made manifest in our Christian temper, and charity, and forbearance towards our brethren whom we do see. Grant, especially, to all the members of this household, to live together in gentleness and long-suffering towards each other's infirmities, and in brotherly love one towards another. Let not this house be divided against itself, so that Satan enter in to destroy us; but let all the members of the same have grace to serve thee truly in the place thou hast assigned to them, and to dwell together in the unity of thy love, every one members one of another; through Him who loved us, and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 111.

Look graciously, O Lord, upon thy Church in this house, and hear us when we pray for all those who are commended to our prayers by kindred or alliance, by the obligation of benefits received, by charge intrusted to our care, by friendship, by Christian charity, by promise, by mutual duty; be thou merciful unto us all,

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and bless us, and show us the light of thy countenance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Prayers for Special Occasions.

# IV.

O Lord and heavenly Father, whose power is infinite, and whose mercy is everlasting; Accomplish the work of thy grace in all our hearts, that we may diligently follow after the things belonging to our everlasting peace, before they are for ever hidden from our eyes. Cause us to fulfil thy will in all the daily duties of our several stations, that whenever it may please thee to call us hence, we may be found in the way of duty, and ready and willing to depart this life, and to resign ourselves into thy hands, trusting in the riches of thy grace, and the saving merits of thy beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this night and evermore. Amen.

# Wednesday Morning.

#### The Sentences.

Ye that fear the Lord put your trust in the Lord. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you.

The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the pray-

er of the righteous.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, may it please thee graciously to hear the humble confession of sins which we thy unworthy servants now make before thee. We acknowledge, O Lord, our manifold transgressions, and beseech thee to absolve us from all our iniquities. Grant that henceforth we may serve thee in newness of life, and at the awful day of judgment be found in Christ, and be saved to a glorious eternity, through his most precious blood, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven—

The Lesson or Lessons.
The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day.

l.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who hast raised us up again in safety to the beginning of another day; Keep us evermore under the protection of thy Divine Providence, that a sense of thy guidance may always be present with us. Grant that thy Holy Spirit may move us to serve thee every day with renewed energy and affection, abounding more and more in knowledge, judgment, and charity, approving those things that are excellent, that we may be diligent, sincere, and without offence till the day of Christ. Let thy great loving-kindness be continued towards us, our relations and friends, and to all mankind. And be merciful. O Lord, to all the poor and afflicted, and relieve them out of all their sorrows and distresses; that they who have no helper but only thee,

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O Lord, may find their comfort and support in Jesus Christ, our ever blessed Redeemer.

Amen.

# 11.

Grant unto us, O Lord, that by the example of our blessed Saviour, who pleased not himself, but went about doing good, and commanded his followers continually to deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow him, we may be constantly animated to every good work; that all the troubles we undergo here, may teach us more and more to know ourselves, and our sinfulness; that our sorrows may wean our affections from all worldly things; that our thoughts and hopes being raised to heaven, we may aspire after a glorious eternity; and being faithful in the discharge of all the duties of our station, our light may so shine before men, that they may glorify our Father which is in heaven. Enlarge our hearts with fervent charity, that we may always be ready to do good unto all men, so that the fruits of the Spirit may abound in us to the glory of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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I Prayers for Special Occasions.

# III.

O Lord God Almighty, who to redeem lost man didst deliver up thine only Son to be betraved and sold by one of his own disciples and familiar friends into the hands of his enemies; Grant us, by the help of thy Spirit, always to detest and abhor our own sins, which were not less the occasion of his death than the traitor And mercifully grant that we may Judas. never fall from thee, nor be led to act treacherously one to another, through covetousness or any other temptations, but that we may steadfastly persevere unto the end and under all trials, in the fellowship of thy Word and Spirit, and in the communion of all saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore *Amen*.

# Wednesday Evening.

#### The Sentences.

Seek ye the Lord, for the Lord is with you while ye be with him; and if ye seek him he will be found of you, but if ye forsake him he will forsake you.

Hitherto hath he helped us, and brought us in safety to the evening of another day.

Render thanks and praise to the Lord our God, whose mercy endureth for ever.

Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon us thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue us in the unity of the Church, consider our contrition, and accept our sorrow

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And forasmuch as we put our full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto us our former sins, but strengthen us with thy blessed Spirit, and take us to thy favour; through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven-

¶ The Lesson or Lessons.
¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day

l.

O Almighty God, author of every good and perfect gift, to thee be glory and thanks. Thou hast fed us, thou hast kept us, thou hast been abundant unto us in all things needful for the body and soul this day. And now at the end of it, we are living to praise thee, and not lying in the grave where there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom. Accept whatso-

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ever we have done in thy Name and in obedience to thy will this day, and refresh us with the sleep of this night, that we may to-morrow renew the work of our service with increase of watchfulness and care; so that whatsoever our hands find to do we may do it with our might, trusting in thee to establish us in every good word and work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 11.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast taught us in thy Holy Word, that thou wilt not accept of any divided service, and that he who loveth father or mother more than thee, is not worthy of thee; Sanctify, we beseech thee, all our domestic affections by faith in thee. not to make idols of the creatures thou hast given; but ever remembering that they are blessings for which we must give account, and that we shall be taken from them, or they from us, may we learn to put thee above all things, and to regulate all our affections by the rule of love to thee, and dutiful devotion to thy will, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God blessed for evermore. Amen.

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T Prayers for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

# III.

Almighty Father, in whose hands are the wills and affections of sinful men; Kindle in our hearts all holy desires, drive away all our corrupt and evil thoughts, dispose us to love and obey thy commandments, and most earnestly to desire thy heavenly promises; give us grace to strive that we may every day become better fitted for the kingdom of heaven, by lively faith in Jesus Christ. Strengthen and establish us in every good work, that amidst all the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, and the manifold temptations of this mortal life, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. And take us, and all our relatives and friends, and all who fear thy Name, under thy heavenly protection this night and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this night and evermore. *Amen*.

# Thursday Morning.

#### The Sentences.

The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night.

Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation.

The Lord is at hand; be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

# Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Heavenly Father, full of mercy and compassion, who hast thus far brought us safe in our bodies and our substance through this week; We confess, with shame, that many good resolutions with which we began it have come to nought, that many pious intentions have been unfulfilled, and that we have all come short of our professions. Our goodness has been as the morning cloud, and like the early dew it has gone away. Give us grace now, O Lord, to cast aside every weight, and looking back in

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sorrow to what is gone, to use greater diligence in what remains; that seeing in the past the fruits of our own weakness, we may be brought to seek help of thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

¶ The Lesson or Lessons.

¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day.

I.

O Almighty God, Maker of all things, who at the beginning didst divide the light from the darkness; We, the creatures of thy hands, would humbly and heartily thank thee for having brought us safe through the darkness of the night to behold the light of another day; and we beseech thee to keep us through the same under thy merciful protection. Grant to us, as children of light, to have no fellowship with the

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unfruitful works of darkness; but give us thy Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths, and lead us onward in the way of light and life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 11.

Blessed Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work; Give unto us thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there may be no schism in this household. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil speaking, with all malice; and grant, that, in honour preferring one another, we may walk in love, even as thou Lord hast loved us, and given thyself to die for our sins. Amen.

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# III.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we humbly beg thy blessing this day upon all our honest designs and undertakings. Help us to watch and pray against the manifold temptations which be-

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set us; enlighten the eyes of our understanding; quicken the sense of our conscience; so that in all our service of body and soul we may remember that we are thy servants, appointed to do thy work. Grant that we may not live to please ourselves by the indulgence of any evil habit or inclination, but that our constant aim may be to glorify thee in all our thoughts and words and actions. Into thy hands do we now commit ourselves, and all our affairs, humbly beseeching thee so to bless, direct and guide us, that we may at last obtain the reward of good and faithful servants; through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore. Amen.

# Thursday Evening.

#### The Sentences.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants, and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

# Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, against whom we have rebelled, and from whom we have often strayed away, wasting our precious substance of time and opportunity in unprofitable living; We would arise and come to thee as a forgiving Father, and confess that we have sinned against thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children. O, most kind and merciful Father, though we are still a great way off, have compassion on us, and come out in love to meet us; clothe us, who are soiled and stained by sin, in the garment of righteousness which is

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by faith in Jesus Christ; and let there be joy in thy heavenly household over us, as over those who were dead and are alive again, who were lost and are found. Hear us, we beseech thee, in the Name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

¶ The Lesson or Lessons.
¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day.

I.

Most mighty Lord and merciful Father, we yield thee hearty thanks for our bodily sustenance this day, beseeching also thy gracious goodness so to feed us with the food of thy heavenly grace, that we may worthily glorify thy holy Name in this life, and after be made partakers of life everlasting; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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# II.

Vouchsafe, O loving Father, to send thy Holy Spirit unto us, which may make us new creatures. Put away from us all fleshly lusts; fill our hearts with new affections and spiritual motions; and so altogether renew us, both in body and soul, through thy godly inspiration, that we may die unto the old Adam, and live unto thee in newness of life; serving thee, our Lord God, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# III.

O blessed Jesus, our God and our Helper, whose Name is comfortable, the hope of all that are miserable, the relief of the oppressed, the refuge of all that seek salvation; Give us thy grace, that we may set thee always before our eyes, to obey thy blessed commands, to trust in thy protection, to follow thy holy example, to give praises to thy ever blessed Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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# IV.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, who alone preservest our life by night and by day, and sustainest us when we lie down and when we rise up, We desire to rest this night under thy gracious protection. Keep, O Lord, our bodies from accident and disease, and our souls from Bless, we beseech thee, our sleep unto us, that it may refresh us to run again our daily course, and to do the work appointed to our several stations. May the light of thy day awaken us to seek again the light of thy countenance, in prayer to thee, and in dutiful obedience to thy word, so that we may not rise up to sin and then lie down in sorrow. Grant this for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this night and evermore.

Amen.

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#### W The Sentences.

Let them that believe in God be careful to maintain good works.

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

Ye are bought with a price, even with the precious blood of Christ; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy, to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy crea-

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tures whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us who meekly acknowledge our vileness and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

¶ The Lesson or Lessons
¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day.

I.

O Father of mercies, whose blessed Son was, as on this day of the week, crucified for us, the just for the unjust, to bring us to thee; Give grace, we beseech thee, to every member of this family to look in faith upon that Cross, and to crucify ourselves upon it to every sinful

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desire and unchristian temper. May we each learn, in humble devotion to our Master's service, to take up our cross and deny ourselves daily, that we may follow him. And grant that, looking to his passion, we may be changed to his image as by the Spirit of the Lord, that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us, so that we, being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; through the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# II.

Remove from us, O heavenly Father, every corrupt and sinful and unfaithful affection; create in us clean hearts, free from every ungodly thought and desire; breathe into them, by thy Holy Spirit, all godly and spiritual motions, that so out of the good treasure of the heart we may ever be bringing forth good things unto the praise and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# III.

O Lord God, be gracious unto us thy servants, who would seek thee early and wait upon thee. Be thou our arm every morning, and our salvation throughout the day. Make us now to go forth, strong in the might of thy Holy Spirit, to resist the temptations, and to improve the opportunities that each hour may present to us. Let us not be slothful, either in the business of this world or that which is to come; but whatever our hand findeth to do, becoming our Christian calling, may we do it with our might, walking circumspectly, redeeming the time, and making continual gain in godliness, as good stewards of thy manifold grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore. Amen.

# Friday Evening.

#### The Sentences.

The Lord ordereth a good man's going and maketh his way acceptable to himself; though he fall he shall not be cast away, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

The Lord, the Lord God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.

Turn ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope, humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Lord our God, we acknowledge our unworthiness before thee, and beseech thee to give us humble and contrite hearts, that we may truly repent us of our past sins. Forgive, merciful Father, every hasty word our lips have uttered this day, and every ungodly thought our hearts have harboured. May the great High Priest, who as on this day of the week offered up his precious body and blood a sacrifice for us, cleanse the sanctuary of our hearts that thy Spirit may enter in and dwell there. For his

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sake blot out from thy remembrance all our transgressions; so that when the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come, we may be admitted to the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits and for the sake of the same our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

The Lesson or Lessons.The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

¶ The Collect for the Day.

I.

Almighty God, we beseech thee to behold this thy household, part of that great family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross. Let thy mercy have its perfect work, that our spiritual enemy gain no advantage over us. Let

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no plague come nigh our dwelling, but make thy blessing to rest upon us; and in our going out and coming in let thine eye ever be upon us for good. Make us to feel that we are blessed in thy continual help and protection by day and by night. And as we have the Lord for our God, may we henceforth strive to please him in newness of life, and by daily advancing in all virtue and godliness. Grant this, most merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

### II.

O most gracious Father, by whose providence it hath been ordained that mankind should be separated into families, and who hast appointed all their mutual duties; Give thy Holy Spirit to this household, that they may faithfully fulfil the same. And grant that, while striving to love and obey thee, we may also learn to succour one another, and to do our duty in that state of life unto which it hath pleased thee to call us. Banish and drive away all envy, hatred, and malice from our hearts, and if any of us have done any wrong to any man, give us grace that we may restore fourfold; so

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that, forbearing and forgiving one another, we may find mercy at thy hands; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

T Prayers for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

### III.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, to our humble prayer, and give us grace to consecrate the short residue of our days to thy service, to redeem the time which we cannot recall, and to make our calling and election sure, before we go hence and be no more seen. Accept our thanksgiving for all thy mercies and deliverances, from time to time continued unto us; give us grace to be mindful of all thy blessings, and chiefly of thy great goodness in our salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Extend thy protection and fatherly care over us this night, that we may quietly take that rest which thou hast appointed for our weak and wearied bodies; and grant that when this life shall end, and our last sleep shall come, we may eternally rest in thy heavenly kingdom, for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

# Saturday Morning.

#### I The Sentences.

Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Be mindful of the Lord thy God all thy days, and let not thy will be set to sin, or to transgress his commandments.

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

# Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O most merciful God, we thy unworthy servants do confess that we have not obeyed thy voice, neither walked in the ways which thou hast set before us. To us, O Lord, belongeth confusion of face, but to thee mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against thee. Give us, we beseech thee, sincere repentance for all our past misdeeds, and steadfast faith in thy blessed Son, that our sins may be done away, and our pardon sealed in heaven; through the merits and mediation of the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven-

¶ The Lesson or Lessons.
¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

I The Collect for the Day.

I.

O Almighty and gracious God, who now at the return of day hast displayed thy goodness and power in restoring strength to our bodies and light to our eyes; Have mercy upon us, and favourably accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Increase in us this day the faith of thy blessed Son, that we may continue the work of our salvation with godly fear and trembling. Let thy Holy Word, we beseech thee, cast its light around us, that we may see the narrow way that leadeth to eternal life; and give us grace that we may always walk as in thy sight, and so at last secure our entrance into thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### II.

O good Lord, we poor and wretched sinners, despairing of our own strength, which is indeed none, most heartily pray thee to endue us with strength from above, that we may be able with strong faith to resist Satan, with fervent prayer to mortify the lusts of the flesh, and with continual meditation of thy Holy Law to avoid the foolish vanities and transitory pleasures of this passing world, that so, through thy grace, we being set at liberty from the power of our enemies, may live and serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Prayers for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

### III.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved; We give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us during the week now drawing to a close; beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercies, and to enable us to show forth our gratitude for them by obedience to the Gospel of thy Son. Give us grace that we may always walk as in

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thy sight; and making a conscience of our ways, and fearing to offend thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of. fy us to the world, and confirm our courage to fight manfully under the banner of our crucified Redeemer, that we may be able to stand the shock of all temptations. Take away from us all ignorance, that so we may know both ourselves and thee. Continue to us thy precious gifts and blessings, in body, mind, and soul, with grace to use them ever in thy service, to thy honour and glory. And may nothing, either in life or death, separate us from thy love in Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God blessed for ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore. Amen.

# Saturday Evening.

#### ¶ The Sentences.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn unto the Lord our God.

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O Lord God, most merciful Father, who hast brought us safe through another week of our earthly course, and hast preserved our bodies from disease and death; We pray thee extend thy loving mercy to us, and repair all hurt and damage done unto our souls. We confess, O Lord, that we have not during the past week made good our professions; our lives have not accorded with our prayers; our sins have taken such hold upon us that we are sore let and hindered in running the race set before

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us. Give us, we beseech thee, sincere repentance for these and all our other misdoings; and keep alive in our hearts, through thy heavenly grace, the comfortable hope of pardon and eternal salvation, through the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven—

¶ The Lesson or Lessons.

¶ The Psalter or Psalm or Hymn.

Let us pray.

I The Collect for the Day.

T.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose most dear Son Jesus Christ did as on this day of the week lie in the grave, all the travail of his soul and the agonies of his body being past; Grant that we, being buried with him by faith, may become dead unto sin, and freed from all its power. And like as Christ rose again to die no more, but to live at thy right hand for

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ever, so make us to rise on the morrow never to fall from thee; beginning a new week of our lives with fresh strength and faith to live more in the light of thy countenance, and in the communion of thy Spirit; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 11.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast made for thyself a Church, and ordained its ministry; Give grace to all bishops and other ministers, that they may both by their lives and doctrines set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sa-Enlighten their minds and sanctify their hearts for the holy work they have undertaken: make them faithful to their trust. and strengthen them to persevere under all discouragements. Look especially upon the minister of this parish, that he may have grace to give himself wholly to his office, and as much as lieth in him to apply himself to this one thing; that so thy Holy Word may be heard among us continually, and be preached by the lips and lives of those to whom its ministry is intrusted. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

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T Prayers for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

### III.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity; Give us grace to be ever looking forward to that rest which thou hast promised to thy people. Let not health, or worldly competence, or the comforts and affections of the earth, withdraw our eyes from the glory that shall be revealed. Make our rest this night to remind us of that sleep of death in which our eyes will one day be closed, that we may be ever striving so to live that to die may be our And while we love and cherish the gain. friends yet spared to us on earth, bring back continually to our minds the good examples of those who have entered into their rest with thee, that we may seek and at last find an entrance into the same house of many mansions prepared by thee for thy faithful disciples, O blessed Jesus. who art with the Father and the Holv Ghost one God world without end. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

# A Litany.

To be used at Morning Prayer on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and on any day of Fasting or Abstinence, at the discretion of the officiating person.

O God the Father, who dost create, preserve thy servants whom thou hast created.

O God the Father, who dost create, preserve thy servants whom thou hast created.

O God the Son, who dost redeem, save thy servants whom thou hast redeemed.

O God the Son, who dost redeem, save thy servants whom thou hast redeemed.

O God the Holy Ghost, who dost regenerate, sanctify thy servants whom thou hast regenerated.

O God the Holy Ghost, who dost regenerate, sanctify thy servants whom thou hast regenerated.

O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God, preserve, save, and sanctify thy unworthy servants.

O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God, preserve, save, and sanctify thy unworthy servants.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Be merciful, O Lord, be merciful unto us, and spare us. Deal not with us after our sins; neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Be merciful unto us, O Lord, and spare us.

From hardness of heart, and want of feeling for sins committed; from blindness of heart, and a disregard of thy threatenings; from a conscience seared as with a hot iron, and a reprobate mind,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the guilt and burden of our sins, from the sting and terrors of conscience, from the illusions and assaults of our ghostly enemy, and from the bitter pains of eternal death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all impatience and repining at thy chastisements, from dejection of spirit and distrust of thy mercies, from the fear of death, and from such extremity of sickness, anguish, or agony, as may any way withdraw our minds from thee.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all the evils and perils of this world; from pestilence, famine, and war; from earthquakes, floods, and fires; from immoderate rain

or drought; from blight and mildew; from lightning and tempest; from spreading, painful and malignant disorders, and from a death unprepared for,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From dangers and evils in the Church; from private interpretations of Scripture; from innovation in holy things; from the teaching of strange doctrines; from doting about questions, and strifes of words; from heresies, schisms, and offences, public and private,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From dangers and evils in the state; from anarchy, tyranny, or violations of the constitution or the laws; from the removal of good men from authority, and the exaltation of the wicked and deceitful into office; and from hostile invasion and civil war,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy manifold and great mercies; by the all-sufficient merits of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ; by his agony and bloody sweat; by his bitter cross and passion; by his glorious resurrection and ascension; by his continual intercession for us at thy right hand; and by the graces and comforts of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all the changes and chances of this mortal life; in the day of prosperity, and in the day of adversity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We wretched sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to look upon us with the eye of thy mercy; to give us comfort and sure confidence in thee; and in all our dangers and necessities to stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to help and defend us, and to keep us in perpetual peace and safety;

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please thee to remember us with thy favour; and to give us grace, so to follow the good examples of thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom;

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all who by their prayers, examples, reproofs or persecutions have done us good; and upon all who have asked us to remember them in our prayers;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have pity upon all thy afflicted servants, to comfort all who are in bondage or imprisonment, to protect all who travel by sea or by land, and to be with all who are in danger, hardship or sickness, or who are in the agonies of death;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to protect and bless all who are near and dear to us, our benefactors and well wishers, our kindred and neighbours, with their children, our native country, and all Christian people;

That it may please thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to sanctify to us all thy fatherly corrections; and to grant that whensoever thou shalt be pleased to cast us on the bed of sickness, the sense of our weakness may add strength to our faith, and seriousness to our repentance; and that we may so take thy visitations, that, after this life ended, we may dwell with thee in life everlasting;

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an entire resignation to thy blessed will; to wean our affections from things below, and finally to make us partakers of all thy blessings and promises in Christ Jesus;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to fill our souls with such a comfortable sense of reconciliation with thee, our God, that when thou shalt call us to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we may fear no evil, but may lay us down in peace; and when we awake up, may be satisfied with thy presence in thy glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give thy holy angels charge over us, to assist us in our last conflict, and to conduct our souls into the blessed society of thy saints in Paradise; there to rest in joy and peace, till thou shalt vouchsafe to our bodies a part in the blessed resurrection to life and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in heaven-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all this day and evermore. Amen.

# Gentences, Psalms, and Prayers,

FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF

# THE HOLY DAYS AND SEASONS

OF THE

CHURCH.

Tauth through the Sacred Volume hidden lies,
And spreads from end to end her secret wing,
Through ritual, type, and storied mysteries.
From this or that, when Error points her sting,
From all her holds, Truth's stern defences spring,
And Text to Text the full accordance bears.
Through every page the Universal King,
From Eden's loss unto the end of years,
From East unto the West, the Son of Man appears.

Lyra Apostolica.

### OF THE CALENDAR,

AND

THE SPECIAL USE THEREOF IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

THE CALENDAR of the Church is as full of benefit as delight, unto such as are given to the serious study and due contemplation thereof. For, besides the admirable order and disposition of times, which are necessary for the better transacting of all ecclesiastical and secular affairs, it hath in it a very beautiful distinction of the days and seasons, whereof some are chosen out and sanctified, and others are put among the days of the week to number.<sup>1</sup>

But the chief use of it in the Church<sup>2</sup> (saith S. Austin), is to preserve a solemn memory, and to continue in their due time, sometimes a weekly, and sometimes an annual commemoration of those excellent and high benefits, which God, both by Himself,<sup>3</sup> His Son,<sup>4</sup> and His blessed Spirit,<sup>5</sup> one undivided Trinity,<sup>6</sup> hath bestowed upon mankind, for the founding and propagating of that Christian Faith and Religion which we now profess.

And this Faith of ours, being no other than the very same wherein the holy Angels are set to succour us,<sup>7</sup> and which the glorious company of the Apostles,<sup>8</sup> the noble army of the Martyrs,<sup>9</sup> and the goodly fellowship of other God's Saints and servants,<sup>10</sup> men famous in their generations before us, have some maintained with the sanctity of their lives, and some sealed with the innocency of their deaths; it is for this cause that the names of these

<sup>1)</sup> Ecclus. xxxiii. 9. 2) S. Aug. de Civit. Dei, l. 16, c. 4.

<sup>3)</sup> All the Sundays of the Year, &c.

The Feasts of our Saviour's Nativity, Passion, Resurrection, Ascension, &c.
 Pentecost.
 Trinity Sunday.
 Mich. and All Angels' Day.

<sup>8)</sup> The Twelve Apostles' Days. 9) S. Stephen and others.

<sup>10)</sup> The Fathers and primitive Christians.

#### CONCERNING THE CALENDAR.

holy and heavenly Saints are still preserved in the Calendar of the Church, there to remain upon record and register (as of old time they did<sup>2</sup>), where they might also stand as sacred memorials of God's mercy towards us, as forcible witnesses of His ancient truth, as confirmations of the faith which we now profess to be the same that theirs then was, as provocations to the piety which they then practised, and as everlasting records to show Whose blessed servants they were on earth, that are now like the angels of God in heaven.

Howbeit, forasmuch also as, in process of time, the multitude of men and women reputed holy in this kind became so exceeding numerous, that all the days of the year would not have been sufficient for a several commemoration of them; it was the great wisdom and moderation of those religious grave prelates, by whom God (of His especial blessing unto our Church above others) did reform such things, as were many ways remiss here among us, to choose one solemn day alone, wherein to magnify God for the generality of All His Saints together; and to retain some few selected days in every month for the special memory of others, both holy Persons and holy Actions, which they observed not our people alone, but the universal Church of Christ also, to be most affected unto, and best acquainted withal: hereby avoiding only the burden and the unnecessary number of Festival days; not disallowing the multitude of God's true Martyrs and Saints, whose memorials we are to solemnize howsoever in the general Festival of All Saints' Day, as by the proper Lessons, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel then appointed in our public Liturgy, doth most evidently appear. Br. Cosin.

The Calendar of the Church of England is here referred to. The names only
of Saints or Martyrs mentioned in Holy Scripture are retained in the Calendar of
our Church. Ed.

<sup>2)</sup> Tertul. de Cor. Mil. S. Cypr. Ep. 37. Pont. Diac. in vit. Cyp.

<sup>3)</sup> Euseb. Hist. Eccl. l. 4, c. 15. S. Basil in Ascet. c. 40.

<sup>4)</sup> All Saints' Day.

#### A TABLE

Of Feasts to be observed in this Church throughout the Year.

ALL SUNDAYS in the Year.

The Circumcision of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Jan. 1.

The EPIPHANY.

The Conversion of St. Paul. Jan. 25.

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Feb. 2.

Saint Matthias the Apostle. Feb. 24.

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin. Mar. 25. Saint Mark the Evangelist. April 25.

Saint Philip and Saint James the Apostles. May 1.

The Ascension of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Saint Barnabas. June 11.

The Days of the Feasts of The Nativity of St. John Baptist. June 24.

St. Peter the Apostle. June 29.

Saint James the Apostle. July 25.

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle. Aug. 24.

Saint Matthew the Apostle. Sept. 21.

Saint Michael and all Angels. Sept. 29.

Saint Luke the Evangelist. Oct. 18.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude the Apostles. Oct. 28.

All Saints. Nov. 1.

Nov. 30. Saint Andrew the Apostle. Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Dec. 21.

The NATIVITY of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Dec. 25.

Saint Stephen the Martyr. Dec. 26. Saint John the Evangelist. Dec. 27.

The Holy Innocents. Dec. 28.

Monday and Tuesday in Easter-Week. Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.

#### A TABLE OF FASTS.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Other days of Fasting, on which the Church requires such a measure of Abstinence as is more especially suited to extruordinary acts of Devotion.

I. The Forty Days of Lent.

II. The Ember-Days at the The First Sunday in Lent. Four Seasons, being the The Feast of Pentecost. September 14. Wednesday, Friday, and Sa-

turday, after (December 13.

III The Three Rogation-Days, being the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, before Holy-Thursday, or the Ascension of our

IV. All the Fridays in the Year, except Christmas-Day.

#### Dependence on God.

EVEN as the needle that directs the hour Touch'd with the loadstone, by the secret power Of hidden nature, points upon the Pole; Even so, the wavering powers of my soul, Touch'd by the virtue of thy Spirit, flee From what is earth, and point alone to Thee.

When I have faith to hold thee by the hand,
I walk securely, and methinks I stand
More firm than Atlas; but when I forsake
The safe protection of thine arm, I quake
Like wind-shaked reeds, and have no strength at all,
But like a vine, the prop cut down, I fall.

QUARLES.

The following Sentences from Holy Scripture may be substituted for, or united with, those which are at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer.—They are in every case taken from the Epistles and Gospels or Lessons of the seasons to which they are appended.

The Psalms referred to are selected in every possible case from those appointed in the Common Prayer Book, and in other cases reference is given to those which seem to have been so applied in earlier ages of the Church.

### Advent.

Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. *Rom.* xiii.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Rom. xiii.

Let your moderation be known unto all men; the Lord is at hand. *Phil.* iv.

We look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be made like unto his glorious body. *Phil.* iii.

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him. Zech. xiv.

The mountains and the hills shall break forth before him with singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Is, lv.

This is his name, whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness. *Jer.* xxiii.

The following Sentences are translations of Seven Ancient Anthems which were formerly sung on seven days preceding Christmasday.

### Dec. 16 or 17. O Sapientia.

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things; Come, and teach us in the way of understanding.

#### Dec. 18. O Adonai.

O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appearedst to Moses in a flame of fire in the bush, and gavest him the land in Sinai; Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

#### Dec. 19. O Radix Jesse.

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, thou to whom the Gentiles shall seek; Come, and deliver us now, tarry not.

#### Dec. 20. O Claris David.

O Key of David, and sceptre of the House of Israel, thou that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth; Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

#### Dec. 21. O Oriens.

O Orient, Brightness of the Everlasting Light, and Sun of Righteousness; Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

#### Dec. 22. O Rex Gentium.

O King and Desire of all Nations, Thou Corner-stone, who hast made both one; Come and save man, whom thou formedst from the clay.

#### Dec. 23. O Emmanuel.

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, Hope of the Gen-

tiles, and their Saviour; Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Appropriate Psalms.—ii, xix, xlvii, l, lxxxv, xciii, xcvi, xcvii, xcviii.

## Christmas-Tide.

GLORY to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will towards men. Luke ii.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, as of the only-begotten Son of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John i.

God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world. Heb. i.

Appropriate Psalms.—xix, xlv, lxxxv, lxxxix, cx, cxxxii.

## Circumcision.

HE is not a Jew, who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Appropriate Psalms.—ii, xix, xl.

A Prayer to be added to the Collect for the day.

Blessed be God, who has brought us safe to the beginning of another year, that we are of the number of those who have time and space for repentance yet given them.

O God, make us truly sensible of this mercy, and give us grace to consider often how short and how uncertain our time is; that there is one year more of a short life passed over our head, and that we are so much nearer eternity, that we may in good earnest think of another life, and be so prepared for it, as that death may not overtake us unawares.

Lord, pardon all our misspent time, and make us more careful and diligent to redeem it for the time to come.

Grant that we may begin this new year with new resolutions of serving thee more faithfully.

Our heart is in thy hands, O God, as well as our time; O make us wise unto salvation; that we may consider in this our day the things that belong to our peace, and pass this and all the years we have yet to live, in the comfortable hope of a blessed eternity, for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

# Epiphany.

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world. John i.

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Is. lx.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Is. lx.

Sing, O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth, break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest and every tree therein, for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. Is. xliv.

As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Matt. xxiv.

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw herself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Is. lx.

Appropriate Psalms.—xxix, xlvi, lxxii.

# Septuagesima.

Know ye not, that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? 1 Cor. ix.

So run that ye may obtain. Ib.

Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things; now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. Ib.

The last shall be first, and the first last, for many be called, but few chosen. Matt. xx.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Cor. xiii.

Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. Ib.

### Lent.

Turn ye even to me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with weeping, and fasting, and mourning. Joel ii.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel ii.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet; let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Ib.

When ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. Matt. vi.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which seeth in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Ib.

# Passion-Tide.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. *Phil.* ii.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love, and in his pity, he redeemed them, and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. Is. |xiii.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that

plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Is. 1.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Ib.

Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. *Heb.* ix.

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God. Heb. x.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. ix.

#### Special Exhortation for Passion Week.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he.hath consecrated for us, through the vail, that is to say, his flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. x.

Appropriate Psalms.—xxii, xl, liv, lxix, lxxxviii.

### Caster-Cide.

CHRIST being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Rom. vi.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Ib.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Ib.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. xv.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. Ib.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Ib.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John v.

This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life. Ib.

### Special Exhortation for Easter Tide.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth: for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. Col. iii.

Appropriate Psalms.—ii, lvii, cxi, cxiii, cxiv, cxviii.

# The Rogation Days.

Ir ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John xv.

Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. *John* xvi.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. *Matt.* vii.

Appropriate Psalms.—iii, xxxiv, liv.

### Ascension.

THE end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Pet. iv.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John xvi.

He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, he received gifts for men. Ps. lxviii.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John xiv.

Appropriate Psalms.—viii, xv, xxi, xxiv, xlvii, cviii.

# Whitsuntide.

THE Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my Name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John xiv.

Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. John iii.

By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. 1 Cor. xii.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thes. iv.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. *Ephes.* iv.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. v. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Ib.

Appropriate Psalms.—xlviii, lxviii, civ, cxlv.

# Trinity.

THEY rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *Matt.* iii.

There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. 1 John v.

Appropriate Psalms.—cxlviii, cxlix, cl.

## THE FESTIVALS.

## S. John Baptist.

THE voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert an highway for our God.

Appropriate Psalms.—i, xv, xxiv.

And on this day the "Benedictus" should be always said, as follows.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us:

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy Covenant:

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us,

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear:

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. world without end. Amen.

## The Annunciation, &c.

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BLESSED is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

And the Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that E

art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

Appropriate Psalms.—xviii, cxxiii, cxxvi, cxxxi.

On these days the "Magnificat" should always be said, as follows.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Apostles, &c.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another. John xv.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John xv.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained

you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he may give it you. Ib.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *Matth.* xi.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and to every people. *Rev.* xiv.

Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Eph. ii. 19.

Appropriate Psalms.—xix, xlvii, xcix. (Or if an Evangelist)
Ps. xlv, for xlvii.

# Martyrs, &c.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James i.

Though he was punished among men, yet was his hope full of immortality. How is he numbered with the children of God, and his lot is among the saints! Wisd. ii. and v.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for the Lord.

Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give himself a ransom for many.

Appropriate Psalms.—xxi, xxxiii, xxxiv, xlvi.—v, xi.—i, iv, viii, xv.

## St. Michael and All Angels.

THE chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of Angels, and the Lord is among them, as in the Holy Place of Sinai. *Ps.* lxviii.

I say unto you, that in heaven their Angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matth. xviii.

Are they not all ministering Spirits, sent forth to minister for them that shall be heirs of salvation? Heb. i.

Appropriate Psalms.—viii, xxiv, xxxiv, xcvii, ciii, cxlviii.

On this day the "Te Deum," or the "Benedicite," should always be said.

# All Saints' Day.

THE Lord my God shall come, and all thy saints with thee. Zech. xiv.

And another angel came, and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints, upon the golden altar which was before the throne. *Rev.* viii.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints. Rev. xv.

Appropriate Psalms.—xv, xxxii, xxxiv, xcvii, cxlv, cxlix.

On this day the Benedicite should always be said.

A Prayer to be said upon the Days of the memory of Apostles, Martyrs, &c., with the Collect for the Day.

O eternal God, to whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and in whom the souls of them that be elected after

they be delivered from the burden of the flesh, be in peace, and rest from their labours, and their works follow them, and their memory is blessed; We bless and magnify thy holy and ever-glorious Name, for the great grace and blessing manifested to thy Apostles and Martyrs, and other holy persons, who have glorified thy Name in the days of their flesh, and this day we have thy servant [name the Apostle, &c.] in remembrance; whom thou didst lead through the troubles and temptations of this world; and hast lodged in the bosom of a certain hope and great beatitude until the day of restitution of all things. Blessed be thy mercy and eternal goodness, O and the memory of all thy saints is Teach us to practise their doctrine, to imitate their lives, following their example, and being united as a part of the same mystical body by the band of the same faith, and a holy hope, and a never-ceasing charity. And may it please thee of thy gracious goodness shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom, that we with this thy servant, and all others departed in the true faith and fear of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting kingdom.

Or this,

O Almighty and Everlasting God, we do offer up unto thee most high laud, and hearty thanks for all thy wonderful graces and virtues, which thou hast declared in all thy saints, and by them bestowed upon the holy Church from the beginning of the world. And chiefly in the holy and most blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.\* as also in the Blessed Angels of Heaven; and in all other holy persons upon earth, who by their lives and labours have shined forth as lights in the several generations of the world; such as were the Holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, whom we remember with honour and commemorate with joy,† and for whom, as also for all other thy happy servants our fathers and brethren, who have departed this life with the seal of faith, and do now rest in the sleep of peace, we praise and magnify thy glorious Name: most humbly desiring that we may still continue in their holy com-

To be said on either of those days.

<sup>\*</sup> Whose Purification (or Annunciation) we this day thankfully commemorate.

<sup>†</sup> Especially . . . . thy servant, for whose Apostleship [Preaching, Witness, Confession, Suffering for thy sake, &c.] we yield thee humble thanks this day . . . .

To be used as the case may be.

munion, and enjoy the comforts thereof while we are on earth, following with a glad will and mind their holy examples of godly living and steadfastness in thy faith; and that at the last day, we with them, and they with us, may attain to the resurrection of the just, and have our perfect consummation of bliss, both in body and soul, in thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

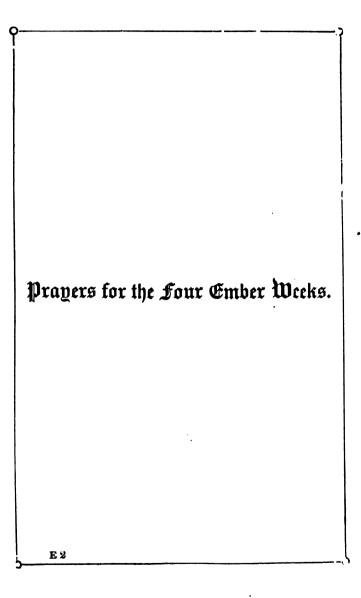
### THE FASTS.

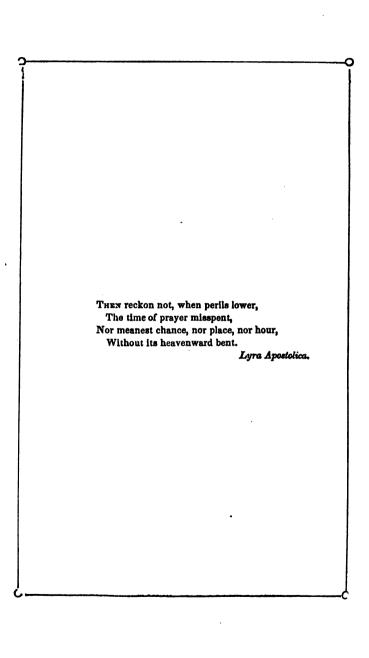
A Prayer which may be used on all Fast days.

O God, who didst command thy people Israel of old to fast, and afflict their souls, humbling themselves before thee in weeping and fasting, and who, by the forty days' fast of thy dear Son in the desert, hast both sanctified and taught fasting, and by whose divine inspiration thy Church hath in all succeeding ages appointed times of fasting and humiliation before thee; Help us now, O Lord,\* and as thou hast shown

<sup>\* (</sup>On Friday.) While, in humble sorrow for our sins, we gratefully call to mind his sufferings who was bruised for our iniquities, wounded for our transgressions, and by whose stripes we are healed.

how powerfully prayer and fasting, when offered from sincere and contrite hearts, avail with thee; give us grace rightly to use these blessed means, and as much as the body is mortified, by so much and more also may our souls be sanctified and refreshed in thee, O Blessed Jesus, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen*.





### PRAYERS

FOR THE

### FOUR EMBER WEEKS.

Among all the set Fasts of the year, Lent hath the first, and these Ember days the second place: days of devotion and fasting, which were instituted of old, and observed at the four seasons of the year, as for many other, so chiefly for these reasons. That Christians in these religious duties towards God might let the world know they were as devout and forward as formerly the Jews had been, whose custom it was to observe four several and solemn times of fast in the year, though for other ends and upon other occasions than now the use of the Church is to do. 2. For that these times are as the first fruits of every season, which we rightly dedicate to the service and the honour of God. 3. That by beginning these several parts of the year with an holy, righteous, and sober life, we might the better learn how to spend the remainder of every season accordingly. 4. That we might obtain the continuance of God's favour towards us for the fruits of the earth. which at these times are for the most part either sown, or sprung up, or coming to their ripeness, or gathered into the barn. 5. That we might recall, bewail, and repent us the more seriously of those sins which all the season before we have, through our frailty and wilfulness, committed. 6. That our bodies might, by the imploring of God's mercies, be freed from those common distemperatures which usually these four seasons of the year, through the predominant humours then reigning, do bring along with them. 7. And, lastly, for at these times it was the ordinary custom of the Church, and it is so still, by the imposition of her Bishops' hands, to give holy and sacred Orders; which Orders were ever given as well by Christ and his Apostles, as their successors, with solemn prayer and fasting beforehand. Br Cosin.

The Prayers common to all the Ember Days, disposed according to the several seasons before specified.

T.

For God's acceptance of our Humiliation.

Almighty God, who didst command thy people Israel to afflict their souls before thee on the day of atonement, and by whose divine inspiration the succeeding ages of that Church appointed other set times of public fasting and humiliation; Grant, we beseech thee, that as our knowledge of thee, and of thy truth, far exceeds theirs, so in this, and all other duties of religion, our righteousness may exceed their righteousness, that men seeing our good works, may glorify thee our heavenly Father; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

II.

For consecrating the beginning of every Season unto God.

Almighty God, from whom we have the beginning and continuance of our life; Grant, we beseech thee, that we thy humble servants may so consecrate unto thy divine Majesty the first fruits of this time and season of the year, that the godly purposes which thou puttest into our

hearts may have full effect in our lives, to thy glory, and our souls' health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### III.

For grace to spend the whole Season aright.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we most humbly beseech thee, that we thy servants, who do begin this time and season of the year with fasting and sober living, may find thereby such ghostly strength-and comfort, that we may be the more able and willing to spend both the remainder of this season and the rest of our days accordingly, using this world as it becometh those who are pilgrims and strangers here, and do look for an abiding city in the heavens; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### IV.

For the fruits of the Earth.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, in whom we live, move, and have our being, who doest good unto all men, making thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sending rain on the just and on the unjust; Favorably behold us thy people, who do call upon thy name,

and send us thy blessing from heaven, in giving us fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness; that both our hearts and mouths may be continually filled with thy praises, giving thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### For pardon of Sins past.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who for our many and grievous sins, those especially which we have committed against thee since the last solemn time of our humiliation and repentance, mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days; but in the multitude of thy mercies hast hitherto spared us; Accept, we most heartily beseech thee, our unfeigned sorrow for all our former transgressions, and grant that we may never so presume of thy mercy, as to despise the riches of thy goodness, but that thy forbearance and long-suffering may lead us to repentance, and amendment of our sinful lives, to thy honour and glory, and our final acquittance and absolution at the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

VI.

For the health of our Bodies.

O God, the Father of Lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; Mercifully look upon our frailty and infirmity, and grant us such health of body as thou knowest to be needful for us; that both in our bodies and souls we may evermore serve thee with all our strength and might; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### VII.

For the ordination of Priests and Deacons.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers proper to the four several Ember Weeks.

T.

### In the time of Advent.

Grant, we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, that with holy Simeon and Anna, and all thy devout servants, who waited for the consolation of Israel, we may at this time so serve thee with fasting and prayer, that by the advent and birth of our blessed Redeemer, we may with them be filled with true joy and consolation; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

### For the Ember Week in Lent.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Saviour of the world, who didst fortell to thine apostles, that at the time of thy sufferings, they should weep and lament, while the world rejoiced, and that they should be sorrowful, but their sorrow should be turned into joy; Grant that during this time wherein thou didst suffer, and wast afflicted with extreme sorrow and anguish for the sins of the whole world, we thy unworthy servants may so weep and lament,

and be sorrowful for our sins, the cause of all those thy sorrows and sufferings, that on the day of thy triumphant resurrection, we may rejoice with that joy which no man can take from us. Grant this, O blessed Lord and Saviour, who didst die for our sins, and rise again for our justification, and now livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen*.

#### III.

### For the Ember Week after Pentecost.

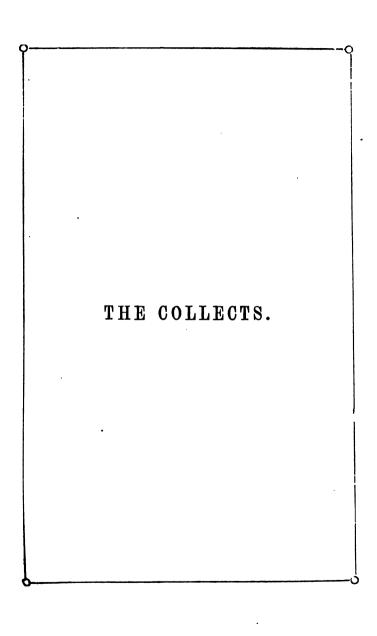
O Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Sen of the Eternal Father, who at the time of thy glorious ascension didst command thine apostles to tarry in Jerusalem, until they were endued with power from on high; and when, in obedience to this thy commandment, they had there continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, didst, according to thy promise, send down upon them the Holy Ghost the Comforter; Grant, we beseech thee, that we thy most humble servants, abiding in the unity of thy Holy Catholic Church, the Mother of us all, and continually serving thee as thou hast commanded, may be evermore replenished with the heavenly grace of the Holy Ghost, through thy precious

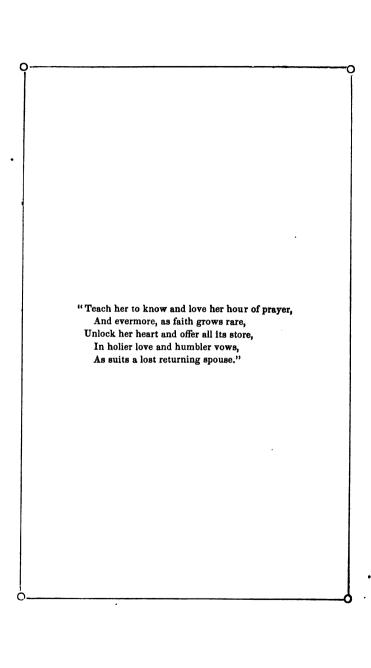
merits and most powerful intercession, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the same Spirit, ever world without end. Amen.

IV.

For the Ember Week in September.

Almighty God, who givest to all life, and breath, and all things; and bringest forth good out of the earth for the use of man; Keep us ever in mind, that this world, with all the glory of it, fadeth, and the fashion thereof passeth away; and grant that we may so use the fruits of the ground which thou hast now given us, and all other temporal blessings wherewith thou crownest the year, as we abuse them not to the satisfying of our wanton and inordinate appetites; but may evermore serve thee in Christian temperance and sobriety, as it becometh those who, living on earth, have their conversation in heaven, that at the last we may be admitted into thy heavenly kingdom, where we shall never hunger or thirst again, being satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house, and filled with the abundance of thy pleasures for evermore. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.





# The Collects

TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

# The first Sunday in Advent.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may arise to the life immortal, through him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

This Collect is to be repeated every day, with the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.

## The second Sunday in Advent.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read,

mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

# The third Sunday in Advent.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## The fourth Sunday in Advent.

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help

and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birth-day of CHRIST, commonly called Christmas-day.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*.

# Saint Stephen's Day.

Grant, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who

standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

¶ Then shall follow the Collect of the Nativity, which shall be said continually until New-Year's Eve.

# Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Innocents' Day.

O Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sunday after Christmas Day.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-

begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

## The Circumcision of Christ.

Almighty God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true Circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I The same Collect shall serve for every day after unto the Epiphany.

## The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, who know

thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The first Sunday after the Epiphany.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The second Sunday after the Epiphany.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious

kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*.

The Sunday called Septuagesima, or the third Sunday before Lent.

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Sunday called Sexagesima, or the second Sunday before Lent.

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sunday called Quinquagesima, or the next Sunday before Lent.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our

doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The first day of Lent, commonly called Ash-Wednesday.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I This Collect is to be read every day in Lent, after the Collect appointed for the Day.

The first Sunday in Lent.

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly mo-

tions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

# The second Sunday in Lent.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The third Sunday in Lent.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The fourth Sunday in Lent.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy

grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The fifth Sunday in Lent.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

## The Sunday next before Easter.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOOD FRIDAY.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to

suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Easter Even.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### EASTER DAY.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ This Collect serves for Monday and Tuesday in Easter-week.

The first Sunday after Easter.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only

Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The second Sunday after Easter.

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The third Sunday after Easter.

Almighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The fourth Sunday after Easter.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The fifth Sunday after Easter.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

## Ascension Day.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and

the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

# Sunday after Ascension Day.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## WHIT-SUNDAY.

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and ever more to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

This Collect serves for Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-week.

## TRINITY-SUNDAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

# The first Sunday after Trimity.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The second Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love

of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The third Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# The fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

# The fifth Sunday after Trinity.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The sixth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The seventh Sunday after Trinity.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The eighth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The ninth Sunday after Trinity.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The tenth Sunday after Trinity.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art al-

ways more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church

with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

## The twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that

through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## The twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of

thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If there be any more Sundays before Advent-Sunday, the Collects of some of those Sundays that were omitted ofter the Epiphany shall be taken in to supply so many as are here wanting. And if there be fewer, the overplus may be omitted: Provided that this last Collect shall always be used upon the Sunday next before Advent.

### St. Andrew's Day.

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Almighty and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy

Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

## The Conversion of Saint Paul.

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called, The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Matthias's Day.

O Almighty God, who into the place of the

traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; Grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Saint Mark's Day.

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Philip and Saint James' Day.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is

everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Barnabas the Apostle.

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint John Baptist's Day.

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Saint Peter's Day.

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint James the Apostle.

Grant, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly tobelieve and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word

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which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Matthew the Apostle.

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

## Saint Michael and all Angels.

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels alway do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Luke the Evangelist.

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an

Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## All Saints' Day.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AH, Saviour Lord! with Thee my heart
Angel nor Saint shall share;
To Thee 'tis known, for man Thou art,
To soothe each tumult there.

They are at rest:

We may not stir the heaven of their repose

By rude invoking voice, or prayer addrest

In waywardness to those,

Who in the mountain grots of Eden lie,

And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.

Lyra Apostolica.

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He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, he is bread;
If any be a bondman, he is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is he.
To dead men life he is, to sick men hea.th;
To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth,
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.
Giles Fletcher.

# Occasional Prayers.

#### ON THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

To be used until after Baptism.

O Lord God, Father of mercies, the fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest heaven with thy glory and earth with thy goodness; We give thee most earnest, most humble, and enlarged returns of glad and thankful hearts, for that thou hast refreshed us with thy comforts, and cheered us with thy blessing. Praised be the Lord daily, even the Lord that helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us. Graciously support, strengthen, and preserve thy servant, the mistress of this family, in her present need. Let thy grace preserve this the fruit of her womb, and conduct it to the holy Sacrament of Baptism; that it, being regenerated by thy Spirit and adopted into thy family, may live to the glory of God, to the comfort of its parents and

friends, to the edification of thy Church, and the salvation of its own soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### WHEN A CHILD IS TO BE BAPTIZED.

Almighty God, we humbly commend to thy fatherly protection and care this child, about to be taken to thy laver of regeneration. Bless him and sanctify him, that having a holy admission into thy Church now, he may continue thy servant unto his life's end, and finally be united with all them that are saved, through Christ-our Saviour, in thy kingdom of glory. Amen.

#### AFTER THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

Almighty God, who hast appointed spiritual regeneration, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Look down in mercy upon this thy creature, who has been dedicated to thee by baptism; bless him and sanctify him and prepare him, that he may become worthy of thy spiritual gift, and of being gathered together with those that are saved; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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#### A PRAYER ON THE BIRTH-DAY OF A CHILD.

O Lord God, who dost feed like a shepherd them who do put their trust in thee: Look mercifully upon this thy flock, and make it thine for ever, that we may all love and serve thee in constant obedience to thy Word, and kindly affection one towards another. And grant especially, that he who hath this day completed another year of his earthly course may have thy grace ever to run that course in thy faith and fear; that his parents may have grace to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that as he grows in years he may grow in grace, and the growth of his bodily stature ever bring him nearer to the measure of the stature of Christ; a blessing and comfort to his kindred, and a Christian example to all around him; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

O God, by whose merciful Providence the holy Church continueth to observe the doctrine of baptism, and of the laying on of hands; We beseech thee to be with thy servant, our Bishop, when he shall come, as the successor of thy

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Apostles, to administer in this parish the blessed ordinance of Confirmation; and grant that these thy servants may approach the rite with bodies undefiled, with watchful minds and pure hearts, that being blest by thy minister, and guided by the powerful influence of thy good Spirit, they may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### AFTER CONFIRMATION.

O God, who gavest the Holy Ghost to thy Apostles, and hast pleased to ordain that by them and by their successors He should be given to the rest of thy faithful people; Mercifully regard what thy servant our Bishop hath this day done; and grant that the hearts of these thy servants being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may become living temples of the Holy Ghost. Vouchsafe to them a constant union with thy holy Church, and make them always worthy partakers of thy Divine Mysteries; through Jesus Christ our only Mediator

and Redeemer, who died for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

#### FOR PARENTS.

Almighty God, the Father and Maker of us all, who of thy goodness hast blessed this thy family with that heritage that cometh of thee; Grant us thy heavenly grace and assistance so to train up our children in thy godly nurture and virtue, religion and discipline, that they may continually serve, honour, and obey thee, their heavenly Father; and thou, acknowledging and blessing them as thy children here, mayest bring them to the blessings prepared for thy children hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR CHILDREN.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, bless the children of this family, we humbly beseech thee, with healthful bodies, and good understandings, with the graces and gifts of thy Holy Spirit, and with sweet dispositions and holy habits. May thy mercy and providence lead them through all the dangers and temptations of this evil world, and sanctify them wholly in

their bodies and souls and spirits, and keep them unblameable to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### FOR THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF A FAMILY.

O Lord Jesus, Lord of love and grace, who hast told us to suffer the little children to come unto thee and to forbid them not; Embrace, we beseech thee, the children of this family in thine arms of mercy, and bless them. Give their parents grace to bring them unto thee by careful training of their tender minds, by the nurture and admonition of thy Holy Word, and by the continual light of a good example. May they, by thy help, grow up after the pattern thou hast showed them, in favour with God and man: may the old Adam be so buried in them, that the new man may live and grow in them: may they learn to serve thee of very love, hating the sin which thou hatest, and loving the things which thou commandest; and so make them, blessed Lord, the little ones of thy flock, that they may ever know and follow the voice of the true Shepherd of their souls, and remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. Amen.

### A PRAYER TO BE USED FOR SOME DAYS PRE-VIOUS TO COMMUNION.

Blessed Lord, who hast warned us in thy Holy Word not to come lightly to the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; We pray thee give us grace now in the meanwhile diligently to try and examine ourselves, and to judge ourselves, that we be not judged of thee. Call up before us our daily sins and transgressions against thee; remind us of our infirmities of conduct one towards another, and of our weakness in resisting those temptations that do most easily beset us; that we may truly and earnestly repent us of our sins, be in love and charity with our neighbours, and steadfastly purpose to lead a new life. thus, by strictly searching our own hearts, and duly valuing thy blessed ordinances, may we become meet partakers of these holy mysteries; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ON THE MORNING OF COMMUNION.

We thank thee, gracious Father, that thou hast brought us to this day, when we are invited to partake of the most comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

Give us grace to approach to that heavenly banquet in the marriage garment of sincere repentance, that we may draw near in faith; not trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies, with mournful recollections of past sin, and steadfast purposes of amendment. May we perfect our work of preparation by praying for each other, by devout attention to the solemn service of the Church, and by careful hearing of thy blessed Word; and thus finally take that Holy Sacrament to our comfort, and return fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### EVENING AFTER COMMUNION.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have this day acknowledged and be-wailed our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed against thee, and confessed that we did truly repent, and were heartily sorry for those our misdoings. Give us grace, merciful Lord, to make good our professions, and ever to bear about with us an awful consciousness of that Holy Communion.

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for us, and his blood shed for us, preserve our souls and bodies unto everlasting life; and may we continually feed on him by faith with thanksgiving. And grant that our communion this day may be an earnest of a continued and holy intercourse enjoyed with thee through Christ our Lord, that we may be one with him and he with us now on earth, and that hereafter we may be with him where he is, to behold his glory; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

# BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OF ONE OF THE FAMILY.

O God, who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon thy servant, and also upon him to whom she is about by thy providence to be united, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants; that they, obeying thy will, and alway being in

safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ON THE COMING OF A NEW MEMBER INTO THE FAMILY.

O Almighty God, merciful and gracious, have mercy upon our whole household, and especially upon him who has lately come amongst us. Sanctify them with thy grace, preserve them with thy providence, guard them from all evil; [make them faithful and diligent in the discharge of their several duties, living, not as unto us, but unto thee; direct them in the way of peace and holy religion by our instrumentality, and the conduct of thy most Holy Spirit, and consign them all, with a full participation of thy blessings and graces in this world, with healthful bodies, with good understandings, and sanctified spirits, to a full fruition of thy glories hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ON LEAVING HOME.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art God

every where, keeping us whether we be at home or abroad, and in our going out and coming in, We pray thee now to order our goings and to direct our steps. Grant, we beseech thee, that when leaving home we may not be leaving thee, but alway keep up a holy communion with thee, by continuing instant in prayer, and in constant looking unto thy Word. so, amid the perils that beset us from the temptations of the world without, and from its evil influence within, we may never forget thy law or fail in the steadfastness of our service, but in all places, and among all people, be still the temples of thy Spirit; carrying Him with us whithersoever we go, ever striving to adorn the doctrine of our God and Saviour, and to bear about in a holy life and conversation the marks of the Lord Jesus: in whose blessed Name we beseech thee to hear us.

#### ON RETURNING HOME.

O most gracious Father, who hast preserved us in thy mercy whithersoever we went, and hast brought us home in safety; We pray thee give us grace that, like Jacob when brought again to his father's house in peace, we may

now acknowledge thee truly to be our God. Let us not say it was our own strength, or our own wisdom, or the ordinary chances of life, but thine arm and thy love that hath preserved Make us now to feel, that although home and rest be pleasant to the body, there can be no home for the soul, no rest for the wearied spirit, where thou art not present, and no peace in the home which thou hast not blessed. Send us forth again, merciful Lord, to our course of domestic duties, and our walk of Christian usefulness, with renewed diligence and thankfulness of heart, that so our return to our earthly home may be the earnest of a nearer approach to our heavenly, where we may finally enter into that rest which remaineth for thy people; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

# WHEN THE HEAD OF A FAMILY IS ON A JOURNEY.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee; We beseech thee to have under thy special care thy servant who presides in this house, now that he is absent from home. Be thou his director and his defence. Let thy presence be with him in every place to preserve him from

bodily and spiritual evils. Prosper his undertakings so far as may be conducive to thy glory and to our good. And in due time may he return in peace to his house, and may we all join again in praising thee for thy mercies to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# AFTER A SAFE RETURN OF THE HEAD OF A FAMILY FROM A JOURNEY.

O Lord God, our shield and defence, by whom alone we can go out and come in securely; We thank thee for the return of thy servant whom thou hast brought back in safety. We thank thee also for all the blessings he received on his journey, and for all that his household enjoyed during his absence; and now, we pray thee, fill our hearts with joy and gladness that we can again worship together at our family altar. Help us now and always to put our trust in thee, that when the journey of life is ended, we may all meet in our Father's house above, to go no more out for ever; for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

#### A PRAYER FOR THE ABSENT.

O Lord our God, who art in every place,

from whose knowledge no space or distance can ever remove us, may we of this family who are absent from each other be still present to thee. Defend, most gracious Father, those friends, from whom we now are separated, in all their dangers both of soul and body. And grant that both they and we, by drawing nearer unto thee, may be drawing nearer unto each other, bound together by the unseen chain of thy love, in the communion of thy Spirit, and the holy fellowship of thy Saints; that whether or not, according as it seemeth best to thee, we meet together again here on earth, we may surely meet again in the resurrection of the just, and go in together to that house of many mansions prepared for them that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ON REMOVING TO A NEW HABITATION.

O Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and who dost determine the bounds of our habitation; We render thee humble thanks for the goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days, and we now especially commit ourselves to thy fatherly care and guidance. Help us to learn, that in this

world no sure abiding place can be found; and stir us up to seek more earnestly the rest that remaineth for thy people. Be thou about our bed and about our path, and watch mercifully over all our ways. In our new habitation may we rejoice under the shadow of thy wings, and may we live in all godliness, sobriety, and honesty. And grant that when the changing scenes of this life shall close upon us, we may have a building on high, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; and through the infinite merits of our blessed Redeemer, be at last admitted to dwell with thee for ever, through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# WHEN A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS ENTERING UPON BUSINESS.

O Lord, who hast promised to guide those who ask thee, and put their trust in thee, and to keep them in all their ways; We commend to thine especial care the member of our family, who is about to enter upon the business of this life. Preserve him from all evil, and let not the things of this world turn away his mind from thee. May his steps be directed by thy heav-

only wisdom, and may he choose the path of integrity and uprightness, and walk in it daily. While labouring for the bread that perisheth, do thou especially bless him with the bread of life which came down from heaven, and which was given for the life of the world. Help him, O Lord, to cleanse his way by taking heed thereto according to thy word, and may he at all times perceive and know what he ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# WHEN A CHILD IS LEAVING HOME FOR SCHOOL.

O God our merciful and loving Father, to thy kind care we commit our dear child who is leaving us for a season that he may receive useful instruction. Let his life be watched over by thy care; and let his health be precious in thy sight. Help him in acquiring the knowledge requisite for the station in life he may afterwards fill, and especially may he receive the instructions of heavenly wisdom, and know the things which make for his peace. May he submit himself to all his governors, teachers, spiritual pastors, and masters, and never be corrupted by

the evil example of any around him. Let thy grace so rest upon his heart, that he may serve thee on earth, and be finally prepared to serve and praise thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A PRAYER IN TIME OF DISTRESS.

O most gracious and merciful God, who pitiest us even as a father his own children; We acknowledge in this our sorrow that it is thy hand which chastises in love. Give us grace so to love thee, that this and all things else may work together for our good; and that sorrowing after a godly sort, our tribulation may work for us carefulness for the future, and indignation against ourselves for past neglect and forgetfulness of thee. Humble us, heavenly Father, by a true sense of our deep unworthiness, that so we may learn to feel that all thy dealings towards us are too good to us, and that thou ever exactest less than our iniquities have May it be good for us to have been deserved. afflicted in that we thereby learn thy statutes; and may our sorrow thus bring us to the knowledge of thee, and to the comforts of thy Holy Word; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### A PRAYER UNDER AFFLICTION.

O merciful God and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy Holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servants. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience under our afflictions, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A THANKSGIVING FOR A RECOVERY FROM SICK-NESS.

Most gracious and merciful God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Make us at all times truly thankful for the many deliverances which thou hast vouchsafed to us, and now more especially for restoring this member of our family from the sickness with which he has been visited. Thou hast chastened and corrected him, but hast not given

him over unto death. Grant that the sense of thy mercy may be always present to his mind, and quicken him to a new and holy life; and that it may lead us to repentance and amendment, and to pass the remainder of our days in thy service and to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR A PERSON OR PERSONS GOING TO SEA.

O eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard him, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which he may be exposed. Conduct him in safety to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ON A SAFE RETURN FROM SEA.

Most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works; we praise thy holy Name, that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety,

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through the perils of the great deep, this thy servant, who now desireth to return his thanks unto thee in the bosom of his family; may he be duly sensible of thy merciful Providence towards him, and ever express his thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR A SICK PERSON.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; give him patience under his affliction; and, in thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give him grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR A SICK CHILD.

Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. liver him, O Lord, in thy good appointed time, from his bodily pain, and visit him with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation: Or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# FOR A SICK PERSON, WHEN THERE APPEARETH SMALL HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon him, O

Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen him, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit Give him unfeigned repentin the inner man. ance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus Christ; that his sins may be done away by thy mercy, and his pardon sealed in heaven, before he go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise him up, and grant him a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of his dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare him, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after his departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, his soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

# A COMMENDATORY PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We hum-

bly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear brother, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour: most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

#### ON A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sick-

ness this thy servant, who desireth now to return thanks unto thee in the presence of this his family; gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR AN ESCAPE FROM DANGER.

O most mighty and gracious good God, thy mercy is over all thy works, but in special manner hath been extended toward us, whom thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. hast showed us terrible things, that we might see how powerful and gracious a God thou art: how able and ready to help them that trust in thee. We therefore bless and glorify thy Name, for this thy mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. And, we beseech thee, make us as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of the danger; and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being thy holy commandments. more obedient to

Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us; that we, whom thou hast saved, may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

#### FOR THE MINISTRY.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call many of thy servants to the same Office and Ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant

unto all, which cuther here or elsewhere call upon thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all other thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by those thy Ministers, [set over us in this place and all others,] as by them over whom they are appointed thy Ministers, thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

# A PRAYER FOR ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH US.

Remember, gracious God, for good, all those that are over us in the Lord, who watch for our souls as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy. Bless all our relations, benefactors, and friends; them that are good preserve in goodness, and convert the wicked. And hear us, good Lord, when we commend unto thy tender compassion all that are in error and sincerely seek the truth: all such as are

destitute of necessary means of instruction: all that are engaged in sinful courses, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds: all that labour under trials and afflictions [\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired]: all sick and dying persons, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with thee before they die: and also such as never pray for themselves, that they may see, before it is too late, the danger of living without God in the world: these and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord,

<sup>\*</sup> This is to be said when any desire the prayers of the family.

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one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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Peter Wainmright,

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In token of a Brother's Lobe.

Be careful for nothing; but in eberp thing by praper and supplication with thanksgibing, let pour requests be mabe known unto Cab. And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS IV. 6, 7.

### PREFACE.

THESE Prayers are not strictly original, nor yet are they a mere selection, or a compilation, but a combination of all these, in the use of the Bible, the Liturgy, and various devotional writers. By this method it was thought that the object in view could best be attained, which was to answer a demand frequently made, for a collection of Family Prayers more condensed than those in general use. be observed, however, that the present compliance is by no means to be interpreted as admitting that any portion of time which a family can devote to the exercise of social prayer, consistently with the discharge of other duties, can be unprofitably spent. At the same time it is presumed, that it will be readily admitted, on all hands, to be desirable, in framing aids to devotion, to accommodate every variety of individual preference, and of domestic

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arrangements, so that no apology can be left for the neglect of so important a duty as that of family prayer. It must also be admitted, that in all families occasions will arise when it is expedient to abbreviate the usual morning or evening exercise by shortening the portion of Scripture to be read, or by omitting a part of the customary prayers. For such occasions it will perhaps be found convenient to have at hand some little work like the present.

The service for each morning and evening is so short, that no family in the habit of domestic worship at all, could reasonably desire to have it made any shorter, and yet it is hoped that in no case are the great and urgent topics of prayer passed over.

The authority for the use of short prayers is the highest of all authority. We are cautioned by our blessed Lord himself, "not to use vain repetitions," nor "to think we shall be heard for our much speaking." (Matt. vi. 7.) And the model which he has given us by which to construct our prayers, "after this manner therefore pray ye," (Matt. vi. 9,) is equally admirable for its condensation as for its fulness of meaning. The Church too has ever faithfully

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observed this direction, in her preference of short and energetic collects to devotional forms long drawn out.

But after all it must ever be had in mind, that the real efficacy of prayer in gaining access to the Mercy Seat depends not upon forms, but upon the state of the suppliant's heart while uttering the prayer. If the heart be right and earnest, a few words may bring down rich returns of blessing from on high; while lengthened prayers, offered with a cold heart and a wandering mind, are "a vain oblation"-"a trouble unto the Lord, and He is weary to hear them"-" and when men thus spread out their hands he will hide his eyes from them, and when they make many prayers he will not hear." (Isaiah i. 15.) Let your prayer then be short, and summon your whole soul for the effort—think well before you begin, and what you are about to say, for "God listens to the voice of the heart, not to that of the lips."

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## Sunday Morning.

¶ The family being assembled, let a Chapter from the Bible be read, or else the following select sentences.

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. We will come before his presence with thanksgiving, and enter his courts with praise. We will lift up our hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

### Let us pray.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, who art ever ready and willing to forgive those who truly repent; Pardon, we beseech Thee all the sins of thought, word, and deed we have committed from the time of our birth to this present moment. Particularly do we now confess before Thee our too frequent neglect of the means of grace provided for us, and we beseech Thee to enable us henceforth by the help of thy Holy Spirit to use them to the greater profit of our souls. Grant unto us this day a peaceful and devout frame of mind, that we may meditate upon thy ways,

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and when we come to appear before Thee in thy holy temple, may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. We bless thy holy name for thy unspeakable gift in thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world. Renew and strengthen our faith in his all-atoning sacrifice, and cause the glad tidings of his salvation speedily and effectually to reach every abode of sin, misery, and death. May the work of grace be carried forward in all our hearts this day, and may thy free Spirit purify our souls, loose us from the bondage of every sin, and establish us wholly in the liberty of the sons of God, so that we may live to thy honor and glory, and to our own eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall all repeat the

LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

## Sunday Evening.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, for all His benefits and for all His blessings.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant. But the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

### Let us pray.

Most merciful God and heavenly Father, who hast given thine only Son to be our Mediator and Redeemer; Make us to know and to feel our numerous transgressions, that we may truly repent and be forgiven through the intercession of the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Give thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to the means which thou hast appointed in thy holy Church, for our spiritual improvement, and which we have this day enjoyed; and grant that we may never receive thy grace in vain. Deliver us from the errors and vices of the age we live in; from infidelity, wicked principles, and worldly conformity;

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from profaneness, heresies, and schism; and enable us ever to keep in mind the obligations of our baptismal covenant. Let thy Holy Spirit be alway present with us, and by His effectual help may we get the mastery over all our sins and corruptions, and be redeemed from all iniquity. These blessings which we ask for ourselves, extend, we beseech Thee, to our dear relations and friends, and to all the members of thy Church. Keep us under the protection of thy ever watchful Providence through the night, and grant that we may wake betimes, strengthened and refreshed in body and mind, and better prepared by the services of this Holy Day, for the various duties of the week upon which we have entered. we be carried safely through it by thy fatherly goodness, and may all the trials and changes that await us, help us onward to thy everlasting kingdom, to which wilt Thouspen for us an abundant entrance; through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,— The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

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The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants, and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

Wait on the Lord patiently and he will incline unto you and hear your prayer.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

### Let us pray.

O Almighty God and Merciful Father, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest, and Who hast watched over us during the darkness of the night and hast kept us safe from all its perils; Be Thou also our Protector and Guide throughout the day. Guard us, we beseech Thee, from all dangers both of soul and body, and enable us to be circumspect in our conduct, so that we may never fall again into those sins we have repented of, and may steadfastly resist every fresh temptation to evil. Assist us by thy Holy Spirit in devoting ourselves faithfully to the discharge of all our duties, and in being ready to do good whenever we have the ability and

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the opportunity. May we never be high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in Thee, the living God, who givest us all things richly to enjoy; and may we always remember that Thou, the Father of Mercies, art the sole author of all our blessings and privileges. and that to Thee we must render a strict account of the use we make of them. therefore that we never have cause to repent of having been unfaithful to our trust, but that we may be constantly going forward in the ways and work of godliness. hands do we now commit all our affairs, and all who are dear to us, humbly beseeching Thee so to bless, direct and guide us, that we may pass this and each succeeding day of our lives in obedience to thy will, and in the comforting hope of acceptance at the last day; through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, -

## Monday Evening.

Let us give thanks always to the Lord our God, and forget not all his benefits.

While we live, let us praise the Lord; yea, as long as we have any being, let us sing praises unto our God.

It is of the Lord's goodness that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Whose feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he shall find favor at the day of his death.

### Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants would devoutly thank Thee for thy gracious preservation of us the past day; for defending us from the evils to which we have been exposed; and for continuing to us the comforts of this life, and the hope of the life to come. Forgive, we humbly beseech Thee, whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in our thoughts, words, or actions; and help us to call to mind these our sins and delinquencies, that we may truly repent of them, and by thy grace be enabled to form good resolutions of amendment. Make us ever ready to forgive whatever injuries may have been done to us, and watchful

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over ourselves that we may give no cause of offence to others. Teach us to submit to thy Providence in all things; to be content under all changes which Thou mayest appoint in our persons or conditions; to be temperate in prosperity, and in adversity to be meek, patient and resigned; and whatever may be our joys or sorrows in this short and uncertain life, may we ever maintain our confidence in thy mercy and goodness, firm and steadfast to the end.

And now, O Lord, ere we retire to our rest for the night, we would commend ourselves, and our dear relatives and friends wheresoever they may be, to thy favor and protection. May we remember Thee upon our bed, and think upon Thee when we are waking; and being refreshed with moderate sleep, may we rise up again with strength and gladness to serve Thee in all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

## Tuesday Morning.

Our nelp standeth in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Show the light of thy countenance upon us this day, O Lord, and we shall be safe.

O Lord thou art our God, we will exalt thee, we will praise thy name, thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

### Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Maker and Governor of the world, and Protector of all that put their trust in Thee; We, thy servants, devoutly thankful for thy care of us during the past night, would now supplicate the continuance of thy favor and protection. Let thy goodness, O Lord, ever lead us to repentance and amendment of life, and excite us diligently to use the talents and advantages Thou hast bestowed upon us. Open the eyes of our mind, and quicken the sense of our conscience, that we may see our infirmities and watch against them; that we may feel our sins and transgressions and forsake them; and thus approach nearer to that perfection which Thou requir-

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May we not place our dependance on the world or worldly things; but lay up our treasure in heaven by faith and works of charity, always remembering our latter end, and the vanity and uncertainty of this life. Send thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our hearts, and to assist us that we may be strengthened to fulfil every duty belonging to our station, and to resist every temptation that may assault us. Prepare us for whatever change in our condition Thou shalt have in store for us, so that sickness as well as health, adversity as well as prosperity, sorrow as well as may promote our spiritual discipline. And grant, O Lord, that throughout this day and to the end of our appointed time, we may walk worthy of our Christian calling, and at last receive our heavenly inheritance through Him who hath purchased it for us with his own most precious blood, Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

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Pray always, every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

When ye pray use not vain repetitions as the heathen do; but pray with the spirit and pray with the understanding also.

This is the confidence we have in God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.

Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I pray, and He shall hear my voice.

### Let us pray.

O Almighty Father, who givest the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night; Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, as Thou hast preserved us throughout the day, to keep us this night under the shadow of Thy most mighty protection. We confess, with shame and sorrow, that we have not served Thee as we ought to do, and that we have been too unmindful of thy mercy and forbearance, notwithstanding our manifold transgressions. But, O gracious God, pardon all the offences we have committed against Thee in thought, word, and deed, and all the instances in which

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by wrong doing, or by neglect, we may have failed in our duty to our fellow man. us the guidance of thy Providence, and the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may never again fall into these or the like sins, but that we may henceforward give ourselves up more entirely to Thy service in all the obligations of a holy life, and may thus be prepared for the rest which remaineth for the people of God. Send thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon all those dear friends who are united to us by the ties of nature or the bonds of love and friendship, and dispose us meekly to bear with each others' infirmities. to seek each others' temporal and spiritual welfare, and make us at last partakers together of the inheritance of the saints in light.

All which we ask through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven,—

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,-

## Wednesday Morning.

To Thee, O Lord our God, belongeth mercy and power, faithfulness and truth.

Thou art our rock and our fortress, our deliverer, our God, our strength, in whom we will trust.

We will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall we be saved from our enemies.

We will keep the ways of the Lord, for He is our God for ever and ever, and He will be our guide unto death.

### Let us pray.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, whose power is infinite and whose mercy is everlasting; We, thy sinful and dependent creatures, most humbly thank Thee for thy Providential care of us during the past night, and we beseech Thee to watch over us and to direct our steps throughout the day. Save us from all things that can harm the body, and especially from whatsoever can assault and hurt We confess before Thee that we the soul. have been too often thoughtless and headstrong, that we have given way to tempers which we ought to have controlled, that we have neglected many of our duties and have performed others imperfectly and without

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godly zeal. But O. merciful Father, preserve us from all the evils we have most justly deserved, and from the consequences of our past sinfulness, ignorance, or neglect; and send thy grace to be ever present with us, to help us in the time of need, and to comfort us should sorrow or calamity overtake us. Give us faith and patience that we may neither murmur at thy appointments, nor be angry with the instruments of thy justice, but may at all times preserve an humble mind, a godly fear and a quiet conscience. beseech Thee also to protect and bless our dear friends and relations. Pardon, O Lord. their trespasses and sins, help them in their various temptations and trials, make them happy in themselves, and blessings to us and to all around them, and grant that with us they may be partakers of thy grace here and thy salvation hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven,—

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

## Wednesday Evening.

Let us render thanks and praise to the Lord our God whose mercy endureth for ever.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and brought us in safety to the evening of another day.

It is of the Lord's goodness that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

### Let us pray.

O Eternal God, and Merciful Father, by whose care and providence we are preserved and blessed, comforted and assisted; We humbly beseech Thee to pardon the sins and follies of this day, the weakness of our services, the strength of our passions, the rashness of our words, and the vanity and evil of our actions. Be pleased also to accept for Christ's sake, whatever little measure of good we may have purposed or accomplished, and cause us ever to remember that without Thee we can do nothing, and that should we perform all Thou hast commanded, we are yet unprofitable servants. We thank Thee for all thy mercies both temporal and spiritual,

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for our food and raiment, for our various comforts and enjoyments, for our freedom from pain and sorrow, and for our deliverance from many other temptations to which we have been exposed. We bless Thee also for the religious privileges we enjoy, for the light of thy Gospel, the ministrations of thy Church, and the assistance of thy grace. We implore Thee, Gracious God, not to withdraw from us these or any other of thy mercies, in consequence of our past sinfulness or neglect, but whilst Thou dost extend to us thy pardoning mercy, grant to us also the preventing and sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee more faithfully in time to come. Take us and all who are dear to us, into thy holy keeping this night. May our united prayers continually ascend to the throne of thy grace; and may thy blessing rest upon us now and evermore, for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

## Thursday Morning.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

### Let us pray.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, the Author and Preserver of our lives, and our constant Benefactor; We thank Thee that Thou dost permit us to see the light of another day, and we beseech Thee to continue to us thy merciful protection, and to bestow upon us whatever may be needful for our present and eternal welfare. Make us truly penitent for all our past transgressions, and enable us in future to be more watchful over ourselves, that we may escape from those sins which do most easily beset us. Give to each one of us, O Lord, a clear knowledge of our duties

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and responsibilities, and endue us with wisdom and strength from on high that we may discharge them with fidelity and diligence. Whatsoever good thing our hand findeth to do this day, may we do it with our might, ever remembering that the night of death cometh when no man can work, and that after death is the judgment. May no evil thoughts, or angry tempers, no distressing doubts or fears disturb us, but may we ever put our trust in Thee, O Lord, and find guidance, hope and consolation in the blessed Gospel of thy Son. We pray for thy blessing on all our friends and relations, may they also be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and understanding, and may we, and they, be of one heart and of one mind: loving each other as brethren, and ever seeking thy glory and our own salvation; through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

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They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, yea all such as call upon him in faithfulness and truth.

### Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, accept our united and hearty thanks for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us, and especially for those we have received during the past day. Thou hast preserved us in health and safety, Thou hast assisted us in the performance of our respective duties, and Thou dost yet grant us time and opportunity to prepare for the hour of death and the day of judgment. Grant us, we beseech Thee, now and always to remember, that unto whom much is given, of them shall much be required. Teach us to examine our lives by thy Holy Word, and give us true repentance

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for all our sins, and a lively faith in the atoning merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And now, O Lord, wherever we have this day neglected or abused the talents committed to our trust, or have in any respect offended Thee, we humbly supplicate Enable us hereafter to be more watchful against temptation, and more faithful and zealous in doing our duty in that station of life to which Thou hast called us. We beseech Thee to continue to us thy gracious protection through the night. Watch over us and all who are dear to us, and defend us from every danger both of soul and May our sleep be sweet unto us, and may we rise with thankful hearts and cheerful minds to see the morning light, and to go on our way rejoicing in thy pardoning grace; through the merits and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,-

## Friday Morning.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness. Have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.

O Lord rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

They that know thy name will put their trust in Thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning, for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

### Let us pray.

Most merciful God, and Heavenly Father, who sparedst not Thy Only Begotten and dearly beloved Son, but didst freely give Him up for us all; Enable us, we beseech Thee, this day and ever more to keep in lively remembrance His most precious death and sacrifice. By His atoning blood Thou hast redeemed us from the bondage of sin and death, and hast provided a way for our restoration to thy love and favor. Grant unto us, O Gracious Father, through His merits and intercession, perfect pardon for what is past, and a perfect repentance of all our sins, that for the time to come we may serve Thee with a pure spirit

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and a contrite heart, with devout lips and holy desires. May we, by the help of thy grace, walk humbly with Thee, our God. converse justly and charitably with men, and possess our souls in patience and holiness. and our bodies in sanctification and honor. Dispose us faithfully to employ our faculties in the various duties of our calling and with a single eye to thy glory, and make us willing in all respects to deny ourselves that we may live unto Thee. In prosperity suffer us not to forget Thee, our Chief Good; in seasons of trouble, when the sorrows of our hearts are enlarged, assist us graciously with the consolations of thy Spirit. and all other needful blessings, we for all who are dear to us, as well as for ourselves; and we humbly beseech grant to them and us thy favor in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,-

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If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

### Let us pray.

O Most Righteous and Most Merciful God and Father, look down from heaven, the habitation of thy Holiness and Glory, and accept the confession of our sins, and our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We acknowledge all our unworthiness, and the frailty and perverseness of our corrupt nature, through which we daily transgress thy just and holy laws. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us and pardon us for Jesus Christ's sake, who is our Advocate with Thee, and the Propitiation for all our sins. Grant that our souls may be washed from the defilements of this day in that fountain which hath been opened by the shedding of His

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most precious blood, and that we may go to our rest comforted by thy pardon and sanctified by thy Holy Spirit. Accept our grateful thanks, O Lord, for thy merciful preservation this day, for relieving us according to our several wants and necessities, and for giving us all things needful both for our souls Forsake us not, we beseech and bodies. Thee, at any time, but let thy Holy Spirit, without which we can do no good thing, be ever present with us to direct and guide us in all our ways. And now, O Lord, our ever watchful Guardian, be pleased to take us and all belonging to us under thy care this night, that we may rest in peace, and wake in health and safety; and when at last Thou dost summon us to the sleep of death, may we go to it without fear, and in the hope of a joyful resurrection, through Him who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, who art in heaven,—

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

## Saturday Morning.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the ex pectation of the wicked shall perish.

Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.

Accept, we beseech Thee, the free-will offerings of our mouths, O Lord, and teach us thy judgments.

### Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, who never failest them that trust in Thee, but preservest them under thy holy keeping for ever, we beseech Thee that with the returning light thy blessing may be renewed to us, and that it may evermore rest upon us. Put us not to rebuke, O Lord, for our evil deeds, but pardon our manifold transgressions, and suffer not our spiritual enemy to get the mastery over us. Help us to begin the day with firm resolutions to watch against temptation, and to perform the duties of our several stations with faithfulness and diligence. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and our hearts

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from every wrong desire. Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths and keep the door of our lips, and let nothing we shall do or say this day be a cause of regret to ourselves, or of offence or evil influence to others. please Thee also to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit to guide us in all our ways, and by His blessed influence may we be enabled to love Thee above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. And finally grant unto every member of this family, and to all our beloved friends, wheresoever they may be, thy peace and all thy heavenly Make us to be of one heart consolations. and mind, loving and serving Thee on earth, and becoming day by day better prepared for that eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised to thy faithful servants by and through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

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O Lord, Thou hast searched me out, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising. Thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and spiest out all my ways.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

### Let us pray.

O Lord God our Heavenly Father, by whose gracious protection we have been carried through another day and another week of our lives, we would render Thee our humble and hearty thanks for the same. Give us, we beseech Thee, a due sense of the manifold favors Thou hast bestowed upon us ever since we were born, and more especially teach us to value, as we ought to do, thy covenanted mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom alone we enjoy the means of grace and the hope of glory. We confess, O gracious God, that we have not served Thee according to the measure of our knowledge

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and ability. We have time and again broken thy laws and commandments, we have neglected the warnings Thou hast given, we have resisted the influences of thy Holy Spirit, and have just cause to fear righteous judgments. But, O merciful Father, accept our penitence and cause it to be more sincere and heart-felt, and give us the comforting assurance of pardon through the merits and intercession of Him who died to redeem us from our sins. Preserve us and all with whom we are united in the bonds of family or affection from all manner of evil: this night, and grant that while we take our natural rest we may be defended by thy ever watchful Providence. With the light of another day cause us to see the light of thy reconciled countenance, and as that day is more especially Thine, prepare us to sanctify it and use it to the profit of our souls; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,-

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,-

## A Prayer

### FOR SEASONS OF AFFLICTION.

Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth to ouble spring out of the ground.

Whom the Lord loveth He correcteth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

In the time of my trouble I called upon the Lord, and the Lord heard me.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

## Let us pray.

O Lord God, who hast brought us low, and bowed down our hearts in sorrow and affliction, mercifully hear us and assist us in this time of trouble and adversity. Sanctify unto us all thy fatherly dispensations, and let thy dealings with us prove a blessing and an advantage to our souls. We know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that Thou in very faithfulness hast afflicted us, but we beseech Thee lay upon us no heavier load than Thou wilt enable us to bear, and suffer us not to murmur at thy chastisements or to despair of thy mercy. Inspire us with true and heavenly wisdom and patience, that if

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we see not the reasons that direct Thy Providence, we may yet meekly and submissively answer the ends Thou dost propose by it. Lead us, O Lord, to serious reflection on all our ways, and examination of all our actions. that wherein we have offended we may do so no more, and that the sense of our past failings may render us more watchful for the future. While we are in the world, keep us from the evil, and let thy good Spirit in all things direct and rule our hearts. And when, O gracious God, we shall have done and suffered all Thou hast appointed for us, may we find our rest in those mansions of peace prepared for the righteous by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven,—
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,—

# Petitions.

- ¶ Which may be introduced as occasion shall require, into any of the preceding Prayers.
- In the "Prayers and Thanksgivings for Special Occasions," which follow the Litany, and also in the latter part of the office for the "Visitation of the Sick," there are devotional forms which, with a very slight verbal alteration here and there, can be combined with the preceding, and than which none more appropriate to such changes as occur in every family, by reason of sickness, affliction, &c., could be devised. It is highly expedient, also, that the collects which mark the progress of the Church's Year and Days of Festival and Fast should be introduced into the devotions of the family. It is not thought expedient, however, to enlarge the size of this volume by reprinting them, as it is presumed that in all families belonging to the Church the Book of Common Prayer will always be at hand.
- 1. WHEN A CHILD OF THE FAMILY IS TO BE BAPTIZED.
- O, Almighty God, Who hast given the promise of thy Spirit to us and to our children, even to as many as the Lord our God shall call; Give thy Holy Spirit to the dear infant this day to be admitted into the bosom of the Church. May he be received into the arms of thy mercy, into the service of Christ, and the communion of Saints; and grant him power to become a child of God, that, being buried with Christ in baptism, he may rise

with Him to holiness of living here on earth, and to eternal blissfulness in thy kingdom above; through the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# 2. WHEN ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY ARE TO BE CONFIRMED.

Most Merciful God, by whose gracious Providence we have been made members of thy Church by Holy Baptism, we heartily thank Thee for calling us to this state of salvation, and for bestowing upon us such blessed privileges. And now, O Lord, that these, thy servants, are preparing to receive a further degree of thy grace and favor in the Holy rite of Confirmation, we humbly beseech Thee to enlighten their minds with the true knowledge and understanding of those baptismal vows which they are now about to ratify and confirm. Dispose their minds, by thy heavenly grace, carefully and diligently to perform the conditions Thou requirest, and may strength, power, and wisdom be communicated to them from above, that they may truly believe in Thee, trust in Thee, and

henceforth live conformably to thy holy will and commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 3. FOR THE RISING GENERATION.

Have mercy on the young. Grant that they may be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and may thus learn to do thy will, to walk in thy fear all the days of their lives, and hand down thy truth from generation to generation.

### 4. FOR THE CHILDREN OF A FAMILY.

Bestow thy special blessing upon the children of this family, and inspire those to whom they are entrusted, with true love for them, and with wisdom and prudence, to direct them aright. May they be submissive and dutiful in all things, and live in harmony and love one towards another. Keep them from the contagion of the world, and after a life of obedience to thy laws, make them all members of thy blessed family above.

### 5. FOR THE SAME.

Be Thou a father and a friend to the children of this family. Let thy Providence

lead them through the dangers, temptations, and ignorances of their youth, that they may not run into folly, nor give way to any evil temper or unbridled appetite. May they be trained up to serve Thee faithfully all the days of their life, and at last come to a peaceful and happy death, and to the reward promised to the righteous in thy kingdom above.

### 6. FOR THE SAME.

Keep, we beseech Thee, the children of this family from all wilful, deliberate or presumptuous sins, and let no wickedness have dominion over them. From stubbornness and pride, idleness and sloth, intemperance and youthful lusts, inconstancy and lying, good Lord deliver them. From irreligious principles and false teachers, unruly passions and violent temptations, from contracting vicious habits, or taking pleasure in sin, from profaneness and ill company, envy and malice, detraction and uncharitableness, good Lord deliver them. From the errors and vices of the age, from the sins to which their corrupt nature is most inclined to; and from whatso-

ever is offensive to Thee, or destructive to their own souls, good Lord deliver them.

7. WHEN ANY OF THE FAMILY ARE ABOUT TO BE ABSENT ON A JOURNEY.

O, Almighty God, Who fillest all things with thy presence, and art a God afar off as well as near at hand, be pleased to guide in their journey, those of our beloved family who are to be separated from us for a time. Preserve them from all perils and dangers, and prosper them in their way, and in all their lawful purposes. May they return to us in peace and holiness, with thy favor and blessing, and serve Thee with thankfulness and obedience all the days of their pilgrimage, and at last be brought with us to thy heavenly kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. FOR A SAFE RETURN OF MEMBERS OF A FAMILY FROM A JOURNEY.

O Lord God, our All-merciful Guide and Protector, blessed be thy Name, that Thou hast brought back in safety to the bosom of

their family these thy servants. We thank Thee for the protection they have received, and for the pleasure they have enjoyed. May they and we ever keep in memory thy unnumbered favors, and show our gratitude for them by lives devoted to thy service. Help us now and always to put our trust in Thee, that when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, we may all meet in our Father's house above, to go out no more for ever; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

# 9. WHEN ONE OF THE FAMILY IS AFFLICTED WITH PAINFUL AND FATAL ILLNESS.

Father of Mercy, and God of all comfort and consolation, have pity on the sufferings of thy servant. If it be in the decrees of thy Providence that this cup may not pass from us, thy will be done. But, O Lord, we beseech Thee, relieve the pains of thy servant, enable him to sustain them with patience and humble resignation to thy will, and avert or release him from the pains of a lingering death. Forgive all his sins and infirmities, and comfort him with the sure and cheering hope, and strong confidence that the

sufferings which thy Providence seeth fit he should undergo in this life, may, through the merits of our blessed Redeemer, work for him a far more exceeding weight of happiness and glory in the next, to the praise of thy Holy Name.

### 10. FOR RESIGNATION WHEN AFFLICTION OR CA-LAMITY BEFALLS A FAMILY.

O Lord God, good and gracious, whose mercy endureth for ever, give us now a surer trust in Thee, and an entire submission to thy divine will. Support us under our present trial, and suffer us not to be dispirited and cast down by fears and anxieties about the future. If this trial is permitted to punish us for our past sins, to render us more humble, or to exercise our patience and trust in Thee, make us submissive and content to bear it: and grant that, setting our affections on things above and not on things on the earth, we may be enabled by thy grace to live a life of faith, of fortitude, and duty, and die in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 11. FOR A BLESSING ON OUR LAWFUL CALLING.

Almighty God, who in thy wise providence hast constituted divers ranks and conditions amongst men, that they may mutually subsist to the support of each other, teach us to be content with the station wherein Thou hast been pleased to place us. Grant that we may honestly and diligently discharge the duties of our calling, and without anxiety, depend on thy blessing for the success of our lawful endeavors; and that however humble our profession may be in the eyes of men, our fidelity and industry may be acceptable in thy sight, and may bring us in return a convenient subsistence in this life, and in the next the reward Thou hast promised to all those that love and serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 12. FOR ALL IN AUTHORITY.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, we pray for thy blessing upon all Christian rulers and magistrates, and more especially upon the President of the United

States, the Governor of this State, and upon all those throughout our land who are invested with executive, judicial or legislative authority. Give them wisdom and grace from above, that by their judicious counsel, faithful administration, and good example and influence, we may enjoy peace and prosperity, the stability of our Union and of our civil and religious liberties, and witness the extension amongst us of sound morals, useful knowledge, and the beneficent arts of social life. To all bishops and other ministers of thy Gospel grant thy spiritual help, that they may faithfully administer thy Sacraments, and teach and preach thy word, to the promotion of pure doctrine and holiness of living amongst thy people. Endue all teachers of youth in schools and colleges with understanding, patience and love, that they may advance the cause of sound learning and godly discipline, and prepare the rising generations to live virtuous, honorable and useful lives. And, finally, be pleased to suit thy graces and blessings to our several necessities of soul and body, and dispose us all

to glorify Thee in our lives, that after death we may receive the reward of good and faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# 13. PREPARATORY TO THE RECEIVING OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT.

Most Gracious God, who hast blessed us in the manifestation of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, the source of all our happiness, and the foundation of all our hopes; We thank Thee for every opportunity Thou dost afford us of approaching the Table of the Lord to partake of that Holy Sacrament instituted to commemorate His sufferings and death, and for the remission of sins, and the nourishment of spiritual life in thy people. Grant to us at this time, we beseech Thee, that preparation of heart which is most acceptable in thy sight; and by the sanctifying influence of thy Spirit purify our minds and bodies from all defilement, that we may be worthy partakers of that holy mystery; through the same, thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### 14. ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who sparedst not thine only Son, but freely gave Him up for us all, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life: Grant that at this time our hearts may be filled with gratitude for all the blessings of His advent in the flesh. us to meditate with profit unto our souls, upon that faithful saying which is worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; and may we henceforth live unto Him, and look unto Him for strength, comfort, and guidance, that when this our short life is ended, we may be received by Him into everlasting habitations prepared for those who love and serve Thee. A men

### 15. ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

May it please Thee, Almighty God, Who hast blessed us with thy favor and protection during the year now drawing to a close, to forgive us whatever we have done amiss, to turn all our sufferings and sorrows to our spiritual benefit, to guide and preserve us

throughout all our future days, and permit us when the last year of our life is come, to leave the world in holiness and peace, and with a joyful hope of a blessed immortality; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 16. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Blessed be Thou, O God, who hast brought us safe to the beginning of another year, and hast made us of the number of those who have time and space given them for repent-Give us grace, O Lord, to consider how short and uncertain our time is, that we may seriously look forward to another and a better world, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Let not another of our precious years be lost in idleness, or be squandered away in unprofitable employment; but enable us by diligence and care to redeem our misspent time, and become better prepared for our latter end. As age advances strengthen our faith, exalt our hope and enlarge our charity; that when we are summoned to appear before thy awful throne, we may be found clothed in the wedding garments of Christ's righteousness, and

be welcomed to the realms of everlasting happiness, through the atonement of our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

### 17. GOOD FRIDAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who in the days of thy humiliation for us sinful creatures wast despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, Who wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, Who wast lifted up upon the cross that whosoever believeth on Thee should not perish but have everlasting life; Grant that we may be enabled to look with humble hope to that cross for eternal salvation; that through thy most precious blood we may be washed from our sins, and at the hour of death and in the day of judgment be delivered from the condemnation of the law, and be received amongst the blessed in thy everlasting kingdom, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

### 18. EASTER DAY.

O Lord our God, we render Thee un-

feigned thanks and praise for thy great goodness vouchsafed to us this day in enabling us once more to commemorate the resurrection of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, and overcame the sharpness of death that He might open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. grace to manifest our gratitude to Thee for thy unspeakable mercy, by lives devoted to May we be found thy service. them that are risen with Christ, and who seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God; and may we set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth; that being dead to sin, our life may be hid with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our life shall appear, may we also appear with Him in glory; through the merits and intercession of the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 19. FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

(From Archbishop Laud.)

O Eternal God and Merciful Father, we

humbly beseech Thee bless thy Holy Catholic Church wherever spread upon the face of the whole earth. Good Lord deliver it from all atheism, heresy, schism, superstition, factious maintenance of groundless opinions; that one Faith, one Lord, one Baptism, may in all places be uniformly professed, as thy Church is and can be, but one. And grant, good Lord, that we may continue faithful, living and working members under Christ, the Head, in that Church, the body, all the days of our lives, through the merits and by the grace of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.





